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§ i. At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the Secretary or, in his absence, one of the Assistant Secretaries, in the order of their appointment, or, in the absence of all, the person appointed as hereinafter provided by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the General Convention is to meet, shall call to order the members present of the House of Deputies, and record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented to him; which record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats in the House of Deputies. If there be a quorum present, by the record, the Secretary shall so declare, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election by ballot of a President from the members of the House, and of a Secretary; and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. So soon as a President and Secretary have been elected, a committee shall be appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform them of the organization of the House of Deputies and its readiness to proceed to business.

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§ ii. In order to aid the Secretary in preparing the list specified in the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to him, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the Testimonials of Members aforesaid. He shall also forward a duplicate copy of such Testimonials to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the next General Convention is to meet.

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HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1877.

- Benjamin Bosworth Smith, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Kentucky, and presiding in the House of Bishops. *New York City*
Samuel Allen McCoskry, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Michigan. *Detroit, Mich.*
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John Williams, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Connecticut. *Middletown, Conn.*
Thomas Atkinson, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of North Carolina. *Wilmington, N. C.*
William Ingraham Kip, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of California. *San Francisco, Cal.*
Horatio Potter, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Bishop of New York. *New York City.*
Thomas March Clark, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Rhode Island. *Providence, R. I.*
Alexander Gregg, D.D., Bishop of Texas. *Galveston, Tex.*
William Henry Odenheimer, D.D., Bishop of New Jersey. *Newark, N. J.*
Gregory Thurston Bedell, D.D., Bishop of Ohio. *Gambier, O.*
Henry Benjamin Whipple, D.D., Bishop of Minnesota. *Fairbault, Minn.*
Henry Champlin Lay, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Easton. *Easton, Md.*
Joseph Cruickshank Talbot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Indiana. *Indianapolis, Ind.*
William Bacon Stevens, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania. *Phila., Pa.*
Richard Hooker Wilmer, D.D., Bishop of Alabama. *Mobile, Ala.*
Thomas Hubbard Vail, D.D., Bishop of Kansas. *Topeka, Kan.*
Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Western New York. *Buffalo, N. Y.*
Charles Todd Quintard, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Tennessee. *Memphis, Tenn.*
Robert Harper Clarkson, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Nebraska, and Missionary Bishop of Dakota. *Omaha, Neb.*
John Barrett Kerfoot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pittsburgh. *Pittsburgh, Pa.*
Channing Moore Williams, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Yedo. *Yedo, Japan.*
Joseph Pere Bell Wilmer, D.D., Bishop of Louisiana. *New Orleans, La.*
Henry Adams Neely, D.D., Bishop of Maine. *Portland, Me.*
Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Montana, Idaho, and Utah. *Salt Lake City, Utah.*
John Freeman Young, D.D., Bishop of Florida. *Jacksonville, Fla.*
John Watrus Beckwith, D.D., Bishop of Georgia. *Atlanta, Ga.*
Francis McNeece Whittle, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Virginia. *Richmond, Va.*
William Henry Augustus Bissell, D.D., Bishop of Vermont. *Burlington, Vt.*
Charles Franklin Robertson, D.D., Bishop of Missouri. *St. Louis, Mo.*
Benjamin Wistar Morris, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Oregon and Washington Territory. *Portland, O.*
Abram Newkirk Littlejohn, D.D., Bishop of Long Island. *Brooklyn, L. I.*
William Croswell Doane, D.D., Bishop of Albany. *Albany, N. Y.*
Frederic Dan Huntington, D.D., Bishop of Central New York. *Syracuse, N. Y.*
Ozi William Whitaker, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Nevada. *Virginia, Nev.*
Henry Niles Pierce, D.D., LL.D., Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory. *Little Rock, Ark.*

- William Woodruff Niles, D.D., Bishop of New Hampshire. *Concord, N. H.*
 William Pinkney, D.D., LL.D., Assistant Bishop of Maryland. *Bladensburg, Md.*
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 Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, D.D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. *Reading, Pa.*
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 Theodore Benedict Lyman, D.D., Assistant Bishop of North Carolina. *Raleigh, N. C.*
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 Robert Woodward Barnwell Elliott, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Western Texas. *San Antonio, Tex.*
 John Henry Ducachet Wingfield, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Northern California. *Benicia, Cal.*
 Thomas Underwood Dudley, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Kentucky. *Louisville, Ky*
 John Scarborough, D.D., Bishop of New Jersey. *Trenton, N. J.*
 George DeNormandie Gillespie, D.D., Bishop of Western Michigan. *Grand Rapids, Mich.*
 Thomas Augustus Jaggar, D.D., Bishop of Southern Ohio. *Cincinnati, O.*
 William Edward McLaren, D.D., Bishop of Illinois. *Chicago, Ill.*
 John Henry Hobart Brown, D.D., Bishop of Fond du Lac. *Fond du Lac, Wis.*
 William Stevens Perry, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Iowa. *Davenport, Iowa.*
 Charles Clifton Penick, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Africa. *Cape Palmas, Lib.*

BISHOPS WHO HAVE RESIGNED THEIR SEES.

- Horatio Southgate, D.D., late Missionary Bishop at Constantinople. *Morrisania N. Y.*
 William Forbes Adams, late Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona.

BISHOP CONSECRATED SINCE THE ADJOURNMENT.

- Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, D.D., Bishop of Shanghai. *Shanghai, China.*

BISHOP OF THE CHURCH IN HAITI.

Elected by the House of Bishops under the Provisions of Article 10 of the Constitution, and Consecrated Nov. 8, 1874.

- James Theodore Holly, D.D., Bishop of Haiti. *Port au Prince.*

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" J. M. Banister, D.D., <i>Huntsville.</i>	" F. B. Clark,	<i>Eufaula.</i>
" J. A. Massey, D.D., <i>Mobile.</i>	" Joel White,	<i>Mobile.</i>
" George H. Hunt, <i>Tuskaloosa.</i>	" R. M. Nelson,	<i>Montgomery.</i> <i>Selma.</i>

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" Robt. Wilson Trimble, <i>Pine Bluff.</i>	" Nicholas Beardsley Trulock,	<i>Pine Bluff.</i>
" Tullius Cicero Tupper, <i>Little Rock.</i>	" John Wassell,	<i>Little Rock.</i>
" James A. Matthews, <i>Jacksonport.</i>	" Charles Arthur Magill, M.D.,	<i>Camden.</i>

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Louisville.		
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Louisville.		

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<i>St. Paul.</i>		
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" *James H. Eames, D.D., <i>Concord.</i>	" Franklin Low, <i>Concord.</i>
	" William Heywood, <i>Lancaster.</i>
	" Charles A. Tufts, <i>Dover</i>

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" Stevens Parker, S.T.D., <i>Elizabeth.</i>	" James Parker, <i>Plainfield.</i>
	" Richard S. Conover, <i>South Amboy.</i>

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DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

The Rev. George White, D.D., <i>Memphis.</i>	Mr. Jacob Thompson, <i>Memphis.</i>
" Philip A. Fitts, <i>Clarksville.</i>	" Albert T. McNeal, <i>Bolivar.</i>
" William C. Gray, <i>Bolivar.</i>	" Edmund Cooper, <i>Shelbyville.</i>
" George C. Harris, D.D., <i>Memphis.</i>	" Theodore Richmond, <i>Chattanooga.</i>
	" George R. Fairbanks, <i>Sewanee.</i>

DIOCESE OF TEXAS.

The Rev. S. M. Bird,	Galveston.	Mr. W. J. Hutchins,	Houston.
" J. J. Clemens,	Houston.	" E. H. Belo,	Galveston.
" E. G. Benners,	Jefferson.	" G. W. Jackson,	Waco.
" T. B. Lee,	Austin.	" J. H. Raymond,	Austin.

DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

The Rev. Nathaniel F. Putnam,	St. Johnsbury.	Mr. James H. Williams,	Bellows Falls.
" Edward R. Atwill,	Burlington.	" Timothy P. Redfield,	Montpelier.
" Andrew Hull, D.D.,	Montpelier.	" Charles Clement,	Rutland.
" Daniel C. Roberts,	Brandon.	" Le Grand B. Cannon,	Burlington.

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, D.D.,	Charlottesville.	Mr. Hugh W. Sheffey,	Staunton.
" George H. Norton, D.D.,	Alexandria.	" Walter H. Taylor,	Norfolk.
" Charles Minnigerode, D.D.	Richmond.	" George W. Thompson,	Wheeling, West Va.
" Churchill J. Gibson,	Petersburg.	" Richard Parker,	Winchester.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

The Rev. George D. E. Mortimer,	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Mr. Peter R. L. Peirce,	Grand Rapids, Mich.
" James F. Conover,	Kalamazoo, Mich.	" Lebens C. Chapin,	Kalamazoo, Mich.
" Joseph W. Bancroft,	Hastings, Mich.	" Noah P. Loveridge,	Coldwater, Mich.
" William Stowe,	Grand Haven, Mich.	" John H. Montgomery, M. D.,	Marshall, Mich.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK.

The Rev. Henry Anstice, D.D.,	Rochester, N. Y.	Mr. D. W. Parshall,	Lyons, N. Y.
" Edward Ingersoll, D.D.,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	" James M. Smith, LL.D.,	Buffalo, N. Y.
" Oran R. Howard, D.D.,	Bath, N. Y.	" Thomas C. Montgomery,	Rochester, N. Y.
" Theodore M. Bishop, D.D.,	Le Roy, N. Y.	" William M. White,	Canaseraga, N. Y.

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

The Rev. James DeKoven, D.D.,	Mr. J. Bodwell Doe,	
<i>Racine.</i>		<i>Juneville.</i>
" William Adams, D.D.,	" J. H. Reigart,	<i>Beloit.</i>
<i>Nashotah.</i>		
" A. D. Cole, D.D.,	" J. A. Helfenstein,	<i>Milwaukee.</i>
<i>Nashotah.</i>		
" John Fulton, D.D.,	" H. H. Camp,	<i>Milwaukee.</i>
<i>Milwaukee.</i>		

DELEGATES FROM MISSIONARY JURISDICTIONS.

Colorado.

The Rev. J. F. Walker.	Mr. E. C. David.
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Dakota.

The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, D.D.,	Mr John L. Pennington,	
<i>Yankton.</i>		<i>Yankton.</i>
" William P. Huntington,		
<i>Sioux Falls.</i>		

Montana, Idaho, and Utah.

The Rev. Thomas E. Dickey,	| Mr. Wm. P. Thompson,	
<i>Bozeman, Montana.</i>		<i>Boisé City, Idaho.</i>

Niobrara.

The Rev. Sam'l D. Hinman,	| Mr. Philip Deloria,	
<i>Santee Agency, Nebraska.</i>		<i>Yankton Agency, Dakota.</i>

Northern California.

The Rev. Edward H. Ward,	| Thomas Walsh,	
<i>Sacramento, Cal.</i>		<i>Eureka, Cal.</i>

Northern Texas.

The Rev. T. B. Lawson, D.D.	Mr. Richard Morgan.
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Oregon and Washington Territory.

The Rev. Charles R. Bonnell,	Mr. L. F. Grover,	
<i>Seattle, Wash. Ter.</i>		<i>Salem, Oregon.</i>

Western Texas.

The Rev. W. R. Richardson,	I. G. Dashiell,	
<i>San Antonio, Tex.</i>		<i>San Antonio, Tex.</i>

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHURCH, BOSTON,
Wednesday, October 3, A.D. 1877.

THIS being the day designated by the Constitution for holding a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, the Bishops and Deputies-elect assembled, agreeably to the appointment of the last General Convention, in the city of Boston, in Trinity Church.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. H. C. Potter, D.D., Secretary, and the Rev. William Tatlock, Assistant Secretary, of the House of Bishops, the Rev. T. Stafford Drowne, D.D., Provisional Secretary of the House of Deputies, and the Rev. Craufurd Tait, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Connecticut, from St. Luke vii, 22.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Presiding Bishop, assisted by the Bishops of Michigan, Maryland, and others.

The services being ended, the credentials of those who attended as members-elect of the House of Deputies were received and recorded by the Rev. Dr. Drowne, Provisional Secretary by the appointment of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Whereupon the names were called, and the following members took their seats:—

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

DIocese of ALABAMA.—The Rev. Drs. Stringfellow and Massey, the Rev. Mr. Hunt.

DIocese of ALBANY.—The Rev. Dr. Payne, the Rev. Mr. Battershall, the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harison.

DIocese of ARKANSAS.—The Rev. Messrs. Tupper and Matthews.

DIocese of CALIFORNIA.—The Rev. Dr. Beers, the Rev. Messrs. Hill and Brewer.

DIocese of CENTRAL NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, McKnight, and Ayrault, the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.

DIocese of CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Dr. Beck, the Rev. Messrs. Marple and Leverett.

DIocese of CONNECTICUT.—The Rev. Drs. Beardsley and Harwood, and the Rev. Messrs. Knight and Johnson.

DIocese of DELAWARE.—The Rev. Messrs. Brooks and Littell.

DIocese of EASTON.—The Rev. Drs. Barber, Barton, and Crosdale.

DIocese of FLORIDA.—The Rev. Dr. Scott.

DIocese of FOND DU LAC.—The Rev. Messrs. Averill and Vernor.

DIocese of GEORGIA.—The Rev. Dr. Benedict, the Rev. Messrs. Rees, Boone, and Foute.

DIocese of ILLINOIS.—The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, Locke, and Leffingwell.

DIocese of INDIANA.—The Rev. Mr. Roberts, the Rev. Dr. Wakefield.

DIocese of IOWA.—The Rev. Messrs. Trimble and Seymour.

DIocese of KANSAS.—The Rev. Dr. Beatty, the Rev. Messrs. Cox and Loring.

DIocese of KENTUCKY.—The Rev. Drs. Craik and Perkins, the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely.

DIocese of LONG ISLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Schenck, Drowne, and Snively.

DIocese of LOUISIANA.—The Rev. Drs. Thompson and Percival, the Rev. Mr. Girault.

DIocese of MAINE.—The Rev. Messrs. Leffingwell, Upjohn, and Hayes.

DIocese of MARYLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, Dalrymple, and Leeds.

DIocese of MASSACHUSETTS.—The Rev. Drs. Burgess, Vinton, and Lambert.

DIocese of MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Drs. Worthington and Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath and Lane.

DIocese of MINNESOTA.—The Rev. Mr. Livermore.

DIocese of MISSISSIPPI.—The Rev. Drs. Sansom and Douglas, the Rev. Messrs. Marks and Pickett.

DIocese of MISSOURI.—The Rev. Dr. Runcie, the Rev. Mr. Dunlop.

DIocese of NEBRASKA.—The Rev. Dr. Oliver, the Rev. Messrs. Millspaugh, Goodale, and Paterson.

DIocese of NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Rev. Drs. Hubbard and Eames, the Rev. Mr. Sears.

DIocese of NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Drs. Hills and Parker, the Rev. Mr. Langford.

DIocese of NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Beach, Cady, Dix, and Seymour.

DIocese of NORTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Drs. Watson, Buxton, and Huske, the Rev. Mr. Hughes.

DIocese of NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Drs. Abercrombie, Farrington, and Harrison, and the Rev. Mr. Stansbury.

DIocese of OHIO.—The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Messrs. Farr and Bodine.

DIocese of PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Drs. Hare, Goodwin, and Rudder, the Rev. Mr. Brown.

DIocese of PITTSBURGH.—The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, the Rev. Messrs. Mills, Smith, and Alsop.

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.—The Rev. Messrs. Greer, Richards, and Henshaw.

DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Drs. Pinckney and Porter, the Rev. Messrs. McCollough and Johnson.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN OHIO.—The Rev. Drs. Burr, Boyd, and Morrell.

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.—The Rev. Drs. White and Harris, the Rev. Mr. Fitts.

DIOCESE OF TEXAS.—The Rev. Messrs. Bird and Benners.

DIOCESE OF VERMONT.—The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, Atwill, and Roberts, the Rev. Dr. Hull.

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.—The Rev. Drs. Hanckel, Norton, and Gibson.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, Bancroft, and Stowe.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Anstice, Ingersoll, Howard, and Bishop.

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.—The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, Adams, and Fulton.

MISSIONARY JURISDICTIONS.

COLORADO.—The Rev. Mr. Walker.

DAKOTA.—The Rev. Mr. Huntington.

MONTANA, IDAHO, AND UTAH.—The Rev. Mr. Dickey.

NIOBRARA.—The Rev. Mr. Hinman.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.—The Rev. Mr. Ward.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.—The Rev. Mr. Bonnell.

WESTERN TEXAS.—The Rev. Mr. Richardson.

LAY DEPUTIES.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.—Mr. Bray.

DIOCESE OF ALBANY.—Messrs. Meads, Forsyth, Tremain, and Keese.

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Messrs. Clarke and Moss.

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—Messrs. Lamberton, Coppée, Atlee, and Maynard.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.—Messrs. Seymour, Kingsbury, Johnson, and Stark.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE.—Messrs. Curtis, Fell, Raymond, and Bates.

DIOCESE OF EASTON.—Messrs. Goldsborough and Walker.

DIOCESE OF FOND DU LAC.—Mr. Jenkins.

DIOCESE OF GEORGIA.—Messrs. Johnson and Montgomery.

DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.—Messrs. Judd, Winston, and Edsall.

DIOCESE OF INDIANA.—Messrs. Morrison, Duy, and Howe.

DIOCESE OF IOWA.—Mr. Moor.

DIOCESE OF KANSAS.—Mr. Todd.

DIOCESE OF KENTUCKY.—Messrs. Robinson and Churchill.

DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND.—Messrs. Pierrepont, Prince, and Nicoll.

DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA.—Gen. Augur, U. S. A., Messrs. McConnell and Race.

DIOCESE OF MAINE.—Messrs. Bridge, Ingalls, Jackson, and Gardiner.

DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.—Messrs. Magruder, Brune, Harrison, and Blair.

DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Bennett.

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN.—Messrs. Baldwin, Trowbridge, Rogers, and Eaton.

DIOCESE OF MINNESOTA.—Messrs. Wilder and Holbrook.

DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.—Mr. Butts.

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.—Mr. Gill, and Gen. Simpson, U. S. A.

DIOCESE OF NEBRASKA.—Mr. Metcalf.

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Mr. Low.

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY.—Messrs. Hance, Wilson, and Parker.

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK.—Mr. Nash.

DIocese of NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, DeRosset, and J. G. Martin.

DIocese of NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Garthwaite and Meigs.

DIocese of OHIO. — Messrs. Moss, Devereux, and Delano.

DIocese of PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh and Coffin.

DIocese of PITTSBURGH. — Messrs. Shoenberger, Burgwin, and Smith.

DIocese of RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Babcock and Stiness.

DIocese of SOUTH CAROLINA. — Mr. Parker.

DIocese of SOUTHERN OHIO. — Messrs. Andrews and McGuffey.

DIocese of TENNESSEE. — Messrs. Thompson, Cooper, and Richmond.

DIocese of TEXAS. — Mr. Belo.

DIocese of VERMONT. — Messrs. Williams, Clement, and Cannon.

DIocese of VIRGINIA. — Messrs. Sheffey, Thompson, Parker, and Taylor.

DIocese of WESTERN MICHIGAN. — Messrs. Pierce and Chapin.

DIocese of WESTERN NEW YORK. — Messrs. Parshall, Smith, Montgomery, and White.

DIocese of WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe.

MISSIONARY JURISDICTIONS.

DAKOTA. — Mr. Pennington.

MONTANA, IDAHO, AND UTAH. — Mr. Thompson.

NEBRASKA. — Mr. Deloria.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. — Mr. Walsh.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON. — Mr. Grover.

WESTERN TEXAS. — Mr. Dasheill.

The Secretary having declared that this Church was represented in a majority of Dioceses agreeably to the requirement of Article 1 of the Constitution: —

On motion of Mr. Forsyth, of Albany, it was

Resolved, That the House proceed to the election of a President.

The Secretary appointed as tellers the Rev. Mr. Knight, of Connecticut, the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, of Pittsburgh, Mr. Nash, of New York, and Mr. Coffin, of Pennsylvania.

The tellers reported that there were 237 votes cast, of which no person had received a majority, and there was no election.

The House proceeded to a second ballot.

The tellers reported that the whole number of votes cast was 227, of which 114 were necessary to a choice, and that the Rev. Alexander Burgess, D.D., of Massachusetts, having received 122 votes, was elected President of the House.

The Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky, and Mr. Andrews, of Southern Ohio, were appointed to conduct the President to the chair. On taking his seat, the President briefly addressed the House.

On motion it was

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Emmanuel Church, at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

On motion, the House adjourned.

EVENING SESSION. — EMMANUEL CHURCH.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Beatty, of Kansas, it was

Resolved, That the House proceed to the election of a Secretary.

The Chair appointed as tellers the Rev. Mr. Littell, of Delaware, the Rev. Mr. Magrath, of Michigan, Mr. Ingalls, of Maine, and Mr. Johnson, of Georgia.

The tellers reported that the whole number of votes cast was 179, of which 90 were necessary to a choice; and that the Rev. Charles L. Hutchins, of Massachusetts, having received 119 votes, was elected Secretary of the House.

On entering upon the election of a Vice-President, Mr. Meads, of Albany, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That further proceedings on the subject of the election of a Vice-President be postponed until further action by this House.

The question being taken, on a division, the resolution was adopted, — ayes 94, nays 89.

The chair appointed as a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops, and inform them of the organization of this House and its readiness to proceed to business, the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York, the Rev. Dr. Benedict, of Georgia, Mr. Baldwin, of Michigan, Mr. Stark, of Connecticut.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Marple, of Central Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, of the Churches of England and Ireland, of the British Colonial Church, and of the Church of Scotland, who may be sojourning in this city; members of the Board of Missions of this Church; trustees, professors, and students of the General Theological Seminary; other students of theology who are candidates for Holy Orders in this Church; former members of the House of Deputies, and members of the vestry of Trinity and Emmanuel Churches, and also the Rector and the Clergy of the same, be admitted to the sittings of this House.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That the General Order relating to the organization of this House be referred to the Committee on Canons, as soon as appointed, with instructions to report as early as convenient, whether any amendment is advisable, and if so, to submit such amendment for action.

Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House, deeply impressed with the importance of the subjects presented to this Convention by the Rt. Rev. John Williams, D.D., in his

sermon of to-day, and earnestly desirous that his views be widely spread before the Church and throughout the country, respectfully request of him a copy for publication.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, involving, as is intended, a full discussion by the House of the matter of Christian work and duty, as set forth in Bishop Williams's sermon, be made the Order of the Day on Monday next at 11 A. M., to continue till disposed of by the House.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered by the House, the morning session shall begin at 9.30 o'clock.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 4, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Bishop of Ohio, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Mississippi.

The roll was called, and the following Deputies, not present at the opening of the session, answered to their names:—

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.—Mr. Clark, Mr. White.

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Mr. McWhorter.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE.—The Rev. Mr. Douglass.

DIOCESE OF KENTUCKY.—Mr. Stevenson.

DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND.—Mr. Hunter.

DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.—The Rev. Dr. Huntington.

DIOCESE OF MINNESOTA.—The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, and the Rev. Mr. Whipple.

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Rev. Dr. Coit, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Farwell.

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Dr. Garrison.

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Dr. Hare, and Mr. Harrison.

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.—Mr. Goddard.

DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—Mr. McCrady.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN OHIO.—The Rev. Mr. Stanger.

DIOCESE OF TEXAS.—The Rev. Mr. Clemens.

The Minutes of the first day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Secretary announced that he had appointed the Rev. Henry Anstice, D.D., a Deputy from the Diocese of Western New York, as Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Race, of Louisiana, the appointment of the

Rev. Dr. Anstice as Assistant Secretary was unanimously confirmed.

The President announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:—

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York; the Rev. Mr. Hunt, of Alabama; the Rev. Mr. Battershall, of Albany; the Rev. Mr. Tupper, of Arkansas; the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California; the Rev. Mr. Marple, of Central Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Harwood, of Connecticut; the Rev. Mr. Brooks, of Delaware; the Rev. Dr. Stearns, of Easton; the Rev. Mr. Weller, of Florida; the Rev. Mr. Vernor, of Fond du Lac; the Rev. Mr. Foute, of Georgia; the Rev. Dr. Locke, of Illinois; the Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Indiana; the Rev. Mr. Seymour, of Iowa; the Rev. Dr. Reynolds, of Kansas; the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely, of Kentucky; the Rev. Dr. Drowne, of Long Island; the Rev. Dr. Percival, of Louisiana; the Rev. Mr. Hayes, of Maine; the Rev. Dr. Hutton, of Maryland; the Rev. Dr. Lambert, of Massachusetts; the Rev. Dr. Worthington, of Michigan; the Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, of Minnesota; the Rev. Mr. Marks, of Mississippi; the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, of Missouri; the Rev. Mr. Millspaugh, of Nebraska; the Rev. Mr. Sears, of New Hampshire; the Rev. Dr. Hills, of New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. Beach, of New York; the Rev. Dr. Buxton, of North Carolina; the Rev. Mr. Stansbury, of Northern New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. Bronson, of Ohio; the Rev. Mr. Brown, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, of Pittsburgh; the Rev. Mr. Henshaw, of Rhode Island; the Rev. Mr. McCollough, of South Carolina; the Rev. Dr. Morrell, of Southern Ohio; the Rev. Dr. White, of Tennessee; the Rev. Mr. Bird, of Texas; the Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Vermont; the Rev. Dr. Gibson, of Virginia; the Rev. Mr. Conover, of Western Michigan; the Rev. Dr. Anstice, of Western New York; the Rev. Dr. Cole, of Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina; the Rev. Dr. Vinton, of Massachusetts; the Rev. Dr. Fulton, of Wisconsin; the Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland; the Rev. Dr. Minnigerode, of Virginia; the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York; the Rev. Dr. Harison, of Albany; Mr. Andrews, of Southern Ohio; Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia; Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Battle, of North Carolina; Mr. Judd, of Illinois; Mr. Brune, of Maryland.

COMMITTEE ON EXPENSES.

Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts; the Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Indiana; the Rev. Dr. Porter, of South Carolina; the Rev. Mr. Knight, of Connecticut; the Rev. Dr. Kidney, of Minnesota; Mr. Baldwin, of Michigan; Mr. Blair, of Maryland; Mr. Coffin, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Kingsbury, of Connecticut; Mr. Bridge, of Maine; Mr. Babcock, of Rhode Island; Mr. Davies, of New York; Mr. Devereux, of Ohio.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF NEW DIOCESES.

The Rev. Dr. Hanckel, of Virginia; the Rev. Dr. Dalzell, of Louisiana; the Rev. Dr. Leffingwell, of Illinois; the Rev. Dr. De Koven, of Wisconsin; the Rev. Dr. Breck, of Central Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Crosdale, of Easton; the Rev. Dr. Harrison, of Northern New Jersey; Mr. Meigs, of Northern New Jersey; Mr. Trowbridge, of Michigan; Mr. Delano, of Ohio; Mr. Mudge, of Massachusetts; Mr. Nash, of New York; Mr. Jenkins, of Fond du Lac.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Payne, of Albany; the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. Barton, of Easton; the Rev. Mr. Mills, of Pittsburgh; the Rev. Mr. Boone, of Georgia; the Rev. Mr. Richards, of Rhode Island; the Rev.

Mr. Goodale, of Nebraska; Mr. Churchill, of Kentucky; Mr. Winthrop, of Massachusetts; Mr. J. G. Martin, of North Carolina; Mr. McGuffey, of Southern Ohio; Mr. Parker, of Virginia; Mr. Ingalls, of Maine.

COMMITTEE ON THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island; the Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Pinckney, of South Carolina; the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Ohio; the Rev. Mr. Greer, of Rhode Island; the Rev. Dr. Snively, of Long Island; the Rev. Mr. Dunlop, of Missouri; Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Stark, of Connecticut; Mr. Shoenberger, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Harrison, of Maryland; Mr. De Rosset, of North Carolina; Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York; Mr. Rogers, of Michigan.

COMMITTEE ON THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

The Rev. Dr. Scott, of Florida; the Rev. Dr. Ayrault, of Central New York, the Rev. Dr. Runcie, of Missouri; the Rev. Dr. Eames, of New Hampshire; the Rev. Dr. Sansom, of Mississippi; the Rev. Dr. Burr, of Southern Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Wakefield, of Indiana; Mr. Forsyth, of Albany; Mr. Cole, of Minnesota; Mr. Moss, of Central New York; Mr. Edsall, of Illinois; Mr. Robinson, of Kentucky; Mr. Pierce, of Western Michigan.

COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. Dr. Cady, of New York; the Rev. Dr. Lewin, of Maryland; the Rev. Dr. Farrington, of Northern New Jersey; the Rev. Mr. Littell, of Delaware; the Rev. Dr. Parker, of New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Louisiana; the Rev. Dr. Beers, of California; Mr. Pierrepont, of Long Island; Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky; Mr. McWhorter, of Central New York; Mr. Harrison, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Gardiner, of Maine; Mr. Livingston, of New York.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Rev. Dr. Chase, of Illinois; the Rev. Dr. Barber, of Easton; the Rev. Mr. Marks, of Mississippi; the Rev. Mr. Magrath, of Michigan; the Rev. Mr. Langford, of New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. Dalrymple, of Maryland; the Rev. Dr. Beatty, of Kansas; Mr. Goddard, of Rhode Island; Mr. Eaton, of Michigan; Mr. Low, of New Hampshire; Mr. Hance, of New Jersey; Mr. Smith, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Raymond, of Tennessee.

COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, of Long Island; the Rev. Dr. Benedict, of Georgia; the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts; the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Illinois; the Rev. Dr. Garrison, of New Jersey; Mr. Waite, of Ohio; Mr. Woolworth, of Nebraska; Mr. McCrady, of South Carolina; Mr. Wilder, of Minnesota; Mr. Parker, of Northern New Jersey; Mr. Comstock, of Central New York; Mr. Bennett, of Massachusetts; Mr. Howe, of Indiana.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Rev. Dr. Coit, of New Hampshire; the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut; the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Mississippi; the Rev. Dr. Oliver, of Nebraska; the Rev. Mr. Bodine, of Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Seymour, of New York; the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of Rhode Island; Mr. Coppée, of Central Pennsylvania; Mr. Davies, of New York; Mr. Canfield, of Vermont; Mr. Thompson, of Tennessee.

COMMITTEE ON THE PRAYER BOOK.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, of Connecticut; the Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of New Hampshire; the Rev. Dr. Norton, of Virginia; the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, of Alabama; the Rev. Dr. Rudder, of Pennsylvania; the

Rev. Dr. Anstice, of Western New York; Mr. Meads, of Albany; Mr. Jackson, of Maine; Mr. Garthwaite, of Northern New Jersey; Mr. Seymour, of Connecticut; Mr. Moss, of Ohio; Mr. Goldsborough, of Easton.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, of Kentucky; the Rev. Dr. Pennell, of Albany; the Rev. Dr. Gibson, of Virginia; the Rev. Mr. Rees, of Georgia; the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Illinois; the Rev. Mr. Upjohn, of Maine; the Rev. Dr. McKnight, of Central New York; Mr. Redfield, of Vermont; Mr. Hunter, of Long Island; Mr. Parker, of New Jersey; Mr. Forsyth, of Albany; Mr. Magruder, of Maryland; Mr. Mackall, of Easton.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, at last evening's session, being before the House, Mr. Welsh moved the following as a substitute for the second resolution:—

Resolved, That a Committee of Deputies be appointed to consider the important and practical principles enunciated in the opening sermon, and to report to this House, for its consideration, the best mode of making these suggestions practically operative, the Committee to have leave to report at any time.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 2d day of the Session,
October 4, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 1.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inform the House of Deputies that this House is organized, has elected the Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., of the Diocese of New York, as its Secretary, and is ready to proceed to business.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops, and inform them of the organization of this House and its readiness to proceed to business, reported through the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen that they had discharged that duty.

The House having resumed the consideration of the resolutions offered by Mr. Welsh, the first resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fulton, of Wisconsin, the second resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the three alterations of the Constitution, proposed by the last General Convention, be made the Order of the Day on Friday, at eleven o'clock, and continue as such Order until disposed of by the House, to be taken up in the order as published in the Appendix to the last Journal, p. 575.

Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, with directions to report on Monday morning, or before.

The Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, moved to amend the resolution of Mr. Sheffey, so that it should read as follows:—

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution, with the resolution of the Deputy from Pittsburgh, be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, with instructions to report, if possible, on the first amendment before twelve o'clock to-morrow, and on the other amendments by Monday next, or before.

Upon a division of the House, the amendment was adopted, — ayes 169, nays 39.

The resolution of reference thus amended was then adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Rudder, of Pennsylvania, presented the following petition from the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book : —

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

The Bishop White Prayer Book Society respectfully represents : —

That it is exceedingly to be desired that every worshipper in our congregations should have, together with the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymns which are authorized for use in Divine Service :

That as the rule of the General Convention now stands, every worshipper must be provided with two books, the Prayer Book and the Hymnal :

That it would greatly promote convenience, save the expense of separate binding, and enable this and other similar societies to enlarge the sphere of their usefulness, if the two books could be bound in one.

The Bishop White Prayer Book Society, in view of these considerations, hereby presents its respectful petition that the Resolution of the General Convention forbidding the binding of the Hymnal and the Book of Common Prayer be reconsidered and rescinded.

By order of the Board of Managers,

JAMES S. BIDDLE, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, September 25, 1877.

Mr. Blair, of Maryland, presented a memorial of the Trustees of the Church School at the National Capital, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

On motion of Mr. McWhorter, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That this House proceed to ballot at twelve o'clock, M., on Saturday, the sixth day of October, for a Committee of three clergymen and three laymen, to act with a Committee of the House of Bishops, to nominate a Board of Missions.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Harwood, of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the voluntary withdrawal of persons from the duties of the sacred Ministry for causes not affecting their moral character be referred to the Committee on Canons, and that they be requested to inquire whether any legislation on the subject is needful, and report accordingly.

Obituary notices of the late Rev. Dr. Smedes, of North Carolina, and the late Rev. Dr. Crane, of Mississippi, were respectively presented by the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, and the Rev. Dr. Sansom, of Mississippi, and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

The reported action of several Diocesan Conventions upon proposed changes in Articles 5 and 8 of the Constitution of this Church, recommended by the General Convention of 1874, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

Papers relating to the action of the Diocese of Virginia, in regard to a division of that Diocese, were presented by Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, it was

Resolved, That the Calendar be printed day by day for the use of members.

The Rev. Mr. Marple, of Central Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the House of Deputies, after to-day, will hold daily sessions from 9 A. M. to 4½ P. M., with an intermission of one hour, beginning at 1½ o'clock, but that on each Saturday the session shall close at 1 o'clock.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. McCollough, of South Carolina, the resolution was amended by inserting 9½ A. M., in place of 9 A. M. The resolution thus amended was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Chase, of Illinois, it was

Resolved, That the papers presented to this House relating to the division of the Diocese of Illinois, be referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses.

The Rev. Dr. Crosdale, of Easton, presented resolutions of the Diocese of Easton, regarding the proposed changes in Articles 5 and 8 in the Constitution, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, of Connecticut, presented a resolution of the Diocese of Connecticut, on “the subject of a more just representation and method of voting in the House of Deputies,” which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, of New York, presented a resolution from the Diocese of New York, in regard to the proposed constitutional amendments; and on his motion, the resolution was referred to the same Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, gave notice that he should offer the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the phraseology of the first Rule of Order be amended so as to read as follows: "The daily sessions of this House shall be opened with the Morning Service of the Church."

On motion, the House adjourned.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, October 5, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Littell, of Delaware, and the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of New Hampshire.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Western New York, the Secretary was instructed hereafter, in calling the roll, to call the names only of those who have not previously answered to their names.

The roll was called, and the following Deputies not present before appeared and took their seats:—

DIocese OF ALABAMA.—Mr. Nelson.

DIocese OF CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Mr. Comstock.

DIocese OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Mr. Whitehead.

DIocese OF FLORIDA.—Mr. Ambler.

DIocese OF FOND DU LAC.—Mr. Brockway.

DIocese OF KENTUCKY.—The Rev. Dr. Shipman.

DIocese OF MISSISSIPPI.—Mr. Baldy.

DIocese OF OHIO.—The Rev. Dr. Brown.

DIocese OF RHODE ISLAND.—The Rev. Mr. Richards, the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Hoppin.

DIocese OF VERMONT.—Mr. Redfield.

DIocese OF VIRGINIA.—Mr. Taylor.

The Minutes of the second day's proceedings were read and approved.

The President announced the following changes in several of the Standing Committees:—

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Ingersoll, of Western New York, in place of the Rev. Dr. Antistice, of the same Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Runcie, of Missouri, in place of the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, of the same Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Steele, of Florida, in place of the Rev. Mr. Weller, of the same Diocese.

COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW DIOCESES.

The Rev. Dr. Percival, of Louisiana, in place of the Rev. Dr. Dalzell, of the same Diocese.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Rev. Dr. Porter, of South Carolina, in place of the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of Rhode Island; and Mr. Prince, of Long Island, in place of Mr. Canfield, of Vermont.

COMMITTEE ON EXPENSES.

The Rev. Mr. Whipple, of Minnesota, in place of the Rev. Dr. Kidney, of the same Diocese.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Rev. Mr. Pickett, of Mississippi, in place of the Rev. Mr. Marks, of the same Diocese.

COMMITTEE ON THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

Mr. Holbrook, of Minnesota, in place of Mr. Cole, of the same Diocese.

COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, in place of Mr. Waite, of Ohio.

An invitation having been received from the Trustees of the Art Museum for the members of this House to visit that Institution, on motion of Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, the invitation was accepted for the evening of October. 13, at eight o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. De Koven, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial from the Diocese of Wisconsin, with reference to the appointment of a Constitutional Commission, to consider the question of a change in the legal title of the Church, as well as similar questions; and offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution:—

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that a Constitutional Commission be appointed, to consist of seven Bishops, seven Presbyters, and seven Laymen, to consider the question of a change in the legal title of the Church, and also to consider what other amendments, if any, should be made in the Constitution of the Church, in contemplation of the second century of growth upon which it is about to enter; and that they be instructed to print and circulate their Report at least one month before the meeting of the next General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Farrington, of Northern New Jersey, presented the Triennial Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, presented the following preamble and resolution:—

WHEREAS, A very large proportion of men whose lot is labour, are not in living connection with any Church, and being thus separated from the divinely ordained means of grace, have acquired habits of profanity, and have yielded to other corrupting influences, ruinous to their own spiritual welfare, and through dangerous organizations are arraying themselves against the very capital that affords them profitable employment; and

WHEREAS, Forgeries and other equally glaring frauds now superabound in high places, extending even to the trusted ones in Church and State; and

WHEREAS, The only known remedy for these evils intrusted by God to the Christian Church has been brought before this Convention, and its practical consideration urged in a sermon delivered at the opening of the session; therefore

Resolved, 1. That this Convention, the House of Bishops concurring, enjoin the clergy to urge upon all lay men and women the obvious Christian duty of uniting with them in working as our Lord did when upon earth, by "individual loving, sympathizing ministries to single souls."

2. To ascertain and provide for the spiritual needs of the neglectors of their souls, by establishing adult Bible classes and mothers' meetings, into which they can be drawn by loving assiduities, taught, trained, and spiritually nourished until prepared to profit fully by the regular services of the Church.

3. To promote the establishment of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods, and other churchly agencies, by which the social element may be reverently developed.

4. To provide frequent and varied services to which all shall be freely invited, and cordially welcomed by those who hold in trust from God, superior intelligence, literary leisure, or social position, that the rich and the poor may, as in the Primitive Church, worship together in the House of the Lord.

On motion of Mr. Welsh the foregoing resolution was made the Order of the Day, for Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania, presented a preamble and resolution of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in regard to the proposed change in the name of the Church; which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

The Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, offered the resolution, of which notice was given yesterday, proposing to amend the first Rule of Order.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, of Tennessee, moved to amend the resolution so that it should read as follows:—

The daily sessions of this House shall be preceded by Morning Prayer.

Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, moved that the amendment be amended so as to read, —

"The daily sessions of this House shall be opened with the Morning Prayer of the Church."

Which, on a division, was adopted, — ayes, 119, nays 89.

On motion of Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, the amendment was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the original resolution of the Rev. Dr. Leeds, it was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Seymour, of New York, presented a memorial from the Alumni of the General Theological Seminary, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Benedict, of Georgia, presented the following Report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution:—

REPORT NO. 1.

In 1868, the Dioceses of Texas and California sent memorials to the General Convention, praying for relief for their over-burdened Bishops, and the better Episcopal supervision of vast portions of their Dioceses. The object has been pressed upon the Convention at every session since. The Convention manifested great desire to afford the relief implored of it. Constitutional difficulties were the chief, if not the only difficulties urged against it. But in 1871, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies passed an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the erection of Missionary jurisdictions within the limits of organized Dioceses too large for the Episcopal supervision of the Bishops thereof. It was identical in scope and purpose with the amendment now under consideration. The fate of that proposed amendment is set forth in the report of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments (p. 53, Journal 1874, paragraph the third), as presented by Rev. Dr. Hall, Chairman.

It was passed by the House of Deputies on the 25th of October, 1871, and sent to the House of Bishops for their concurrence. On the following day the House of Deputies finally adjourned, and on the next day the House of Bishops also adjourned, without having taken any action on the proposed amendment.

It was decided in this House in 1874, that all previous legislation had failed and come to nothing because of lack of concurrence on the part of both Houses in Convention. This failure was regretted; and the Convention applied itself to remedy if possible the inconvenience resulting. The House of Bishops (p. 291, Journal 1874) took action looking to the *immediate* dismemberment of the Diocese of Texas. The House of Deputies did not concur, and on the ground that it did not recognize the right of the Convention, even with the consent or at the request of the Bishop and Convention of any Diocese, permanently to dismember a Diocese (the reports of your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, which reports the House of Deputies sustained, are found on pp. 89, 90, and 113, Journal of 1874), a Joint Committee of Conference was created. The report of that Committee is found on pp. 134, 135 (Journal 1874). The last two paragraphs of that report are as follows:—

“WHEREAS, While grave doubts are entertained, by many, of the power under the Constitution to permanently alter the territorial extent of a Diocese in this form, yet, impressed by the great necessities of the Church in that Diocese and of the justice of her claim for prompt relief, therefore

“*Resolved*, The House of Bishops and House of Deputies concurring, that the General Convention hereby signifies its consent and agreement to the limitation of the jurisdiction of the Bishop and Convention of the Diocese of Texas to and within the limits above indicated, *until such constitutional amendment and legislation thereunder can be secured as are necessary to remove the doubts aforesaid*, and that in the *mean time* the territory outside the limits aforesaid, and within the State of Texas, be held and treated as missionary territory, and subject to missionary jurisdiction.”

In this report both Houses concurred. The case of California is involved in that of Texas. The missionary jurisdictions of Western Texas, Northern Texas, and Northern California were erected. Missionary Bishops were elected, consecrated, and sent out. In the mean time, Northern and Western Texas are still within the Diocese of Texas, and Northern California is a part still of the Diocese of California. It was and is now, so far as we are informed, the wish of all parties concerned, that the limitations of the jurisdictions be now made the bounds of the Dioceses, and that the missionary jurisdictions be permanently established.

The subsequent action of the General Convention, to do this constitutionally and to allay the “grave doubts” already alluded to, is to be found on pp. 156 and 191 of the Journal of 1874. On p. 156 is the report of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, recommending the amendment now before us, word for word, and on p. 191 the following message from the House of Bishops:—

"MESSAGE 81. — The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 66, from House of Deputies (relating to an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution, as to constituting a Missionary District out of an organized Diocese").

It appears, therefore, to your Committee, that the adoption of this proposed amendment will enable the Convention to take constitutional action on the questions presented in the cases of these missionary jurisdictions. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, That this House ratifies the proposed amendment to the Constitution found on p. 575, in the following words: —

"The General Convention may, upon the application of the Bishop and Convention of an organized Diocese, setting forth that the territory of the Diocese is too large for due Episcopal supervision by the Bishop of such Diocese, set off a portion of such diocesan territory, which shall thereupon be placed within, or constitute, a Missionary Jurisdiction, as the House of Bishops may determine."

SAMUEL BENEDICT, *Chairman pro tem.*

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution accompanying the Report.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Barber, of Easton, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to inquire into the expediency of so amending Article 2 of the Constitution, that the number of members of which this House is composed be diminished.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution: —

Resolved, That Article 2 of the Constitution be amended by reading "three" instead of "four," twice in the fourth line.

The following messages were received from the House of Bishops: —

MESSAGE No. 2. BOSTON, MASS., 3d day of the Session,
October 5, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution: —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [2] of § ii of Canon 10 of Title II (of Sentences), be amended by inserting after the word "degraded," the words "or suspended."

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

MESSAGE No. 3. BOSTON, MASS., 3d day of the Session,
October 5, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has elected the Bishop of Nebraska, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, and the Bishop of Pittsburgh, as members of the Joint Committee on the part of this House to nominate a Board of Missions.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, presented resolutions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, on "shortened forms of morning and evening prayer," which resolutions, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

On motion, Message No. 2 from the House of Bishops was referred to the Committee on Canons.

Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, gave notice that he should offer a resolution to amend the Rules of Order, by inserting in Rule 23, after the word "debate," the following words, viz., "nor longer than fifteen minutes."

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution appended to Report No. 1, of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

On motion, the House adjourned.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, October 6, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Marks, of Mississippi, and the Rev. Dr. Chase, of Illinois.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session the roll call be omitted, and that members not previously present may send their names to the Secretary.

The following members, not previously present, appeared and took their seats:—

The Rev. Dr. Banister, of Alabama; Mr. Trulock, of Arkansas; the Rev. Dr. Steele, of Florida; the Rev. Mr. McIlwain, of Iowa; the Rev. Mr. Ryan, of Iowa; Mr. Boal, of Iowa; Mr. Winthrop, of Massachusetts; the Rev. Mr. Thomas, of Minnesota; Mr. Fish, of New York; Mr. Waite, of Ohio; Mr. McNeal, of Tennessee.

The Minutes of the third day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Craufurd Tait, M.A., Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, was introduced by the President to the House, and made a brief address.

The President announced the addition of Mr. Fish, of New

York, to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to fill a vacancy.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That every exchange of friendly feelings between the Church of England, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, is peculiarly grateful, and that this House cordially welcomes, and has heard with much pleasure, the Reverend gentleman from the mother Church who has just addressed the House.

The Rev. Dr. White, of Tennessee, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted : —

WHEREAS, It is very desirable that the Bishops, the Clerical and Lay members of the General Convention should have some opportunity of personal intercourse; and

WHEREAS, The pressing business of the Convention so occupies the time of the members that no such occasion is afforded; therefore be it

Resolved, That this House respectfully requests the House of Bishops to set apart some day and hour which may suit their convenience, when the members of the House of Deputies may have the pleasure of making the acquaintance of their Rt. Rev. Fathers in God, and enjoy a few hours of social intercourse.

The Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, offered the following resolutions, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution : —

Resolved, That the title "Protestant Episcopal Church," as applied to the American branch of the "Holy Catholic Church," is not only time-honoured but appropriate; and any change therein at present, or in the future, will be inexpedient and unwise.

Resolved, That Article 2 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "*four*" wherever it occurs, and inserting "*two*."

The Rev. Dr. Farrington, of Northern New Jersey, presented from the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, proposed amendments to the Constitution of that Institution, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report : —

REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Elections respectfully report, —

That certificates of Clerical and Lay Deputies of this House have been received from every Diocese in union with this Convention, — forty-five in number, — and from the Missionary Jurisdictions of Colorado, Dakota, Montana, Niobrara, Oregon and Washington, Northern California, Northern Texas, and Western Texas; that the certificates are all in due form, and that they have given to the Secretary a list of the names of those entitled to sit as members of the House.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

Mr. Meigs, of New Jersey, presented the Report of the Trustees of the Missionary Bishops' Fund, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. (For the Report, see Appendix IV.)

On motion of Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Expenses be authorized to act as a Joint Committee, the other members being those appointed by the House of Bishops, for a better consideration of the expenses and accounts of the Convention, and also to report how the expenses may be reduced.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, presented resolutions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, relating to a revision of the Lectionary, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

The Secretary announced that he had appointed as Second Assistant Secretary, the Rev. L. P. Tschiffely, a Deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky, and as Third Assistant Secretary, the Rev. Dr. H. P. Hay, of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, of Minnesota, presented a Canon on the Provincial System, proposed by the Diocese of Minnesota, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Mr. McIlwain, of Iowa, presented resolutions of the Diocese of Iowa, in regard to a change in the name of the Church, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

The Rev. Mr. McIlwain, of Iowa, presented a memorial from the Diocese of Iowa, in regard to the erection of a Missionary Jurisdiction, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on New Dioceses.

The Rev. Dr. Wakefield, of Indiana, offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons : —

Resolved, That in Canon 6, Section ii, page 95, the words "six months" be substituted for "three years."

Mr. Brune, of Maryland, presented a memorial of the late Mr. E. Wyatt Blanchard, of that Diocese, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

The Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons : —

Resolved, That Canon 8, § ii, Title I of the Digest (relating to the Ordination of Priests), be amended so as to read as follows:—

A candidate for Priesthood shall not be ordained within three years from his admission as such candidate, nor shall he in any case be ordained within one year from his reception of Deacon's Orders, except by the advice and consent of three fourths of all the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, at a meeting duly convened.

The House proceeded to the unfinished business of yesterday, namely, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Prince, of Long Island, it was

Resolved, That this question be made the special Order for Tuesday next, after the special Order already appointed for that day.

The Order of the Day, to wit, the election of a Committee to nominate a Board of Missions, being called for, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, it was voted to dispense with balloting.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint the committee to nominate a Board of Missions.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the President appointed the following persons as the Committee: the Rev. Dr. Lewin, of Maryland, the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Ohio, Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Stark, of Connecticut, and Mr. McWhorter, of Central New York.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Canons respectfully report that they assembled for organization on the second day of the session, and appointed the Rev. Alfred A. Watson, D.D., as Chairman, and the Rev. Francis Harison, D.D., as Secretary.

It is very forcibly impressed on the Committee upon their assembling, that for the first time in very many sessions of the Convention, the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D.D., is absent from its meeting, and from his place on this Committee. It may not be out of place for us to recall, in our preliminary report, the outline of Dr. Mead's long and valuable services to this body. In the Convention of 1832, forty-five years ago, he took his seat as a Deputy from Pennsylvania; and having been continuously re-elected from that Diocese and from Connecticut, he has been an active member of fifteen Conventions. He was Secretary of the House in 1841 and 1844; in 1847 he became a member of the Committee on Canons, and in 1853 its Chairman, so that he has presided over its grave and, at times, delicate and critical deliberations during eight sessions.

We rejoice to know that though the infirmities inseparable from his venerable age detain our late Chairman from attendance here, his days of active usefulness and ministry, and his interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Church, are by no means ended.

Abstaining from the language of eulogy, and from any further attempt to enumerate the services which Dr. Mead has rendered to the Convention, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of this Report, attested by the President and Secretary of this House of Deputies, be sent to the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D.D., as an expression of the feeling and affection of this House.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee on Canons respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution, which originated at the last session in the House of Bishops, and which, having at that time been concurred in by this House, was found to be practically effective in promoting the despatch of business and the harmonious action of the two Houses:—

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, That the Committees on Canons of the two Houses have power to sit as a Joint Committee, whenever either Committee shall communicate to the other a request to that effect.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT NO. 3.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the Standing Order of the Organization of the House of Deputies, etc., respectfully report:—

The Committee, in view of all the circumstances, do not find it necessary to consider or report upon the propriety or regularity of the action taken by the House on the first day of the session. They confine themselves to the question definitely referred to them,—What amendments, if any, are necessary in the Standing Order?

On full consideration, they are of opinion that the provision for the appointment of a Vice-President, which has never been acted upon, may judiciously be repealed; and they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the first paragraph of Section 1 of the Standing Order, *Of the Organization of the House of Deputies, and prescribing the duties of the Secretary*, be amended so as to read as follows:—

§ 1. At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the Secretary, or in his absence the Assistant Secretary, or in the absence of both, the person appointed as hereinafter provided, by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the General Convention is to meet, shall call to order the members present of the House of Deputies, and record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented to him; which record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats in the House of Deputies. If there be a quorum present, by the record, the Secretary shall so declare, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election by ballot of a President from the members of the House, and of a Secretary; and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an elec-

tion. So soon as a President and Secretary have been elected, a committee shall be appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops, and inform them of the organization of the House of Deputies, and its readiness to proceed to business.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 4th day of Session,

MESSAGE No. 4.

October 6, 1877.

The House of Bishops requests from the House of Deputies the return of its Message No. 2.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion of Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be discharged from further consideration of the subject contained in Message No. 2 from the House of Bishops, and that said Message be returned to that House, in compliance with their request.

The House resumed the consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution. (For the Report see third day's proceedings.)

On motion the House adjourned.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, October 8, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Breck, of Central Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Dr. Cole, of Wisconsin. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Delaware.

The following Deputies, not previously present, appeared and took their seats:—

Mr. Whittle, of Georgia; Mr. Cornwall, of Kentucky; the Rev. Dr. Hall, of Long Island; Mr. Atwater, of Minnesota; Mr. Hazlehurst, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hay, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Horton, and Mr. Granger, of Southern Ohio.

The Minutes of the fourth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 2.

On behalf of the Committee on Elections, I would respectfully report, that due evidence has been received of the appointment of Mr. C. B. Benedict as Supple-

mental Deputy to the Convention from the Diocese of Florida, in place of Mr. H. E. Dolliver, who declines to attend, and that the name of this Deputy has been given to the Secretary and entered on the roll of the House.

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Chase, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following Report:—

The Committee on Unfinished Business report the following as the unfinished business of the Convention of 1874, viz.:—

1. The proposed amendments of the Constitution, found on page 575 of the Journal, already taken up and under consideration by the House.

2. The various matters intrusted to Joint Committees, found on pp. vi, vii, and viii of the Journal; these subjects will be brought before the House in the Reports of their respective Committees.

Your Committee also find, by examination of the Journal, the following matters referred to this Convention for further action, viz.:—

a, on p. 210 of the Journal,

The Report No. 37 of the Committee on Canons, on the Dissolution of the Pastoral Connection. The Report may be found on pp. 170 and 171.

b, on p. 211 of the Journal,

A resolution respecting the Prayer for the President of the United States. The resolution is found on pp. 118 and 119.

c, on p. 212 of the Journal,

A motion in reference to a proposed Canon on Divorce. The original Canon is found on p. 76; and as amended, on p. 138.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Chairman of Committee*.

Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, called up the resolution offered by him on the third day of the session, namely, to amend the Rules of Order, by inserting in Rule 23, after the word “debate,” the following words: “Nor longer than fifteen minutes.”

Mr. Race, of Louisiana, moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution, which motion was, on a division, lost,—ayes 49, nays 141.

The resolution, with an amendment adding the words “at one time,” was adopted.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Steele, of Florida, were adopted:—

WHEREAS, The yellow fever is prevailing to a large extent in Fernandina, Fla., and

WHEREAS, There is great suffering and want, therefore be it

Resolved, That a subscription paper for the relief of the sufferers be opened and left at the Secretary's desk, where members of this House may subscribe such sums as they may be willing for the benefit of such sufferers.

The Rev. Dr. Craik, from the Commission appointed by the General Convention, at its session of 1874, to visit the Provincial Synod of Canada, presented the following Report:—

The undersigned, being a part of the Commission appointed by the General Convention, at its session in 1874, to convey the fraternal greetings of that body to the Provincial Synod of Canada, respectfully report, that they attended the first session of the Synod after their appointment, which convened in the city of Montreal on the twelfth day of September, 1877.

It gives them pleasure to state that they were received with the utmost cordiality, were introduced separately to the two Houses of the Synod, and were privileged to meet with a Joint Committee of the Synod to consider the means of regulating in the most satisfactory way the close and intimate relations necessarily subsisting between the sister Churches, lying side by side along the whole breadth of this continent. The resolutions agreed upon by the Conference in New York, in 1874, were concurred in by the Committee. In the course of their examination, it was seen that for the protection of the Church in Canada, an amendment of our own Canon 8, Title II, § v, or some equivalent provision, is needed, to the effect that notice of the deposition of a Clergyman of this Church shall be given to the Bishops of the several Dioceses in the British Dominions in North America, as well as to our own Bishops. It was stated by the Rt. Rev. the Chairman of the Committee, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, that an equivalent provision was already a part of the law in Canada, or that, if he were mistaken, such provision would be made by appropriate legislation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. WILLIAMS.
JAMES CRAIK.
EDWIN M. VAN DEUSEN.
NOAH HUNT SCHENCK.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Craik, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to arrange for the reception of the delegation from the Provincial Synod of Canada, on Wednesday morning, immediately after their reception by the House of Bishops.

The President appointed as such Committee the Rev. Dr. Craik, the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, the Rev. Dr. Schenck, Mr. Fish, and Mr. Stevenson.

The Rev. Mr. Whipple, of Minnesota, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. McMasters, of the same Diocese, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 4.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a proposed amendment to Section ii of Canon 6, of Title II (page 101), substituting the words "six months" for the words "three years," respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to adopt the proposed amendment to Section ii of Canon 6 of Title II.

By order of the Committee,
ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

Mr. Thompson, of Virginia, presented papers relating to the proposed division of the Diocese of Virginia, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on New Dioceses.

Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, presented a remonstrance to such proposed division, from the parish in Shepherdstown, which, on motion, was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Thompson, of Virginia, presented a reply to the above remonstrance, which, on motion, was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Bates, of Delaware, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the resolution making the proposed amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution the Order of the Day for Tuesday be hereby rescinded, and that the said proposed amendment be recommitted to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, with the instruction to report to this House as soon as practicable whether, in their judgment, any amendment to the Constitution is necessary to empower the General Convention, with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of an organized Diocese, to occupy or set apart any portion of such Diocese as Missionary ground.

On motion of Mr. Race, of Louisiana, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Judd, of Illinois, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report whether any, and, if any, what amendments to or changes in the existing legislation of this Church are necessary or expedient in respect to the restoration to the Ministry of persons deposed therefrom; and that if, in the judgment of such Committee, any such amendments or changes are so necessary or expedient, they report also the changes or amendments they would propose, in due form, for adoption.

An invitation was received from the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, extending to members of this House the use of the Society's library and reading-room. On motion, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the House returned to the Society for its courtesy.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the subject on the Calendar, namely, the resolution appended to Report No. 3 of the Committee on Canons. (See fourth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Benedict, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 2.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the third proposed amendment to Article 8, printed on page 575, Journal of 1874, touching the Amendment of the Lectionary by General Convention, from

time to time, having had the same under consideration, and papers relating thereto, respectfully report that while a change in the Table of Lessons, for certain reasons, is very much to be desired, it is not advisable to attempt it, except by a method in accordance with the Constitution as it now stands.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the proposed amendment in these words,

“Provided, however, That the General Convention shall have power, from time to time, to amend the Lectionary; but no act for this purpose shall be valid which is not voted for by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies,” be not ratified.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL BENEDICT, *Chairman pro tem.*

The Report was placed on the Calendar.

Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, presented an invitation from the Institute of Technology to the members of this House to visit that Institution.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That this House express its grateful acknowledgment of the invitation; and that it be referred to Mr. Welsh and Dr. Shattuck to confer with the officers of the Institute, as to what time the Institute may be visited by members of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, it was

Resolved, That this Convention, understanding from Dr. Shattuck, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, that the Boston Institute of Technology offered the gratuitous use of its hall for the meetings of this Convention, do return their thanks to the Institute for the courteous and generous offer, although they have not been able to accept it.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business having been taken up, on motion of Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, Report No. 37, of the Committee on Canons, on the Dissolution of the Pastoral Connection (pp. 170 and 171, Journal of 1874), referred by the last General Convention to this Convention, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hunt, of Alabama, a resolution respecting the Prayer for the President of the United States (pp. 118 and 119, Journal of 1874) was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book.

On motion of Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, the motion in reference to a proposed Canon on Divorce (p. 212 of the Journal of 1874) was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution:—

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that a Constitutional Commission be appointed, to consist of seven Bishops, seven Presbyters, and seven Laymen, to consider what amendments, if any, should be made in the Constitution of this Church, in contemplation of the second century of growth upon which it is about to enter; and that they be instructed to print and circulate their Report at least one month before the meeting of the next General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Benedict, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 3.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the amendment to Article 8, proposed by the General Convention of 1874, concerning a Shortened Form of Service to be set forth by the General Convention by Canons, printed on page 575 of the Journal of that year, the second in order (II), having had the same under consideration, with various papers relating thereto, respectfully report:—

The object aimed at is most desirable. The shortening of services does, in our judgment, alter the Prayer Book, not indeed in the contents of the volume, but in its use. Such alteration is provided for in the Constitution as it is. In our judgment, great evils would result from allowing such alterations by Canons, at a single Convention. Not only would such alteration be done *hastily*, but that it would be done *frequently*. We would no sooner have one form of shortened service printed and become habituated to its use, than another form might be set forth. We do not think it advisable to seek the desired end in this way. If two successive General Conventions cannot agree upon a shortened form of service, it seems unlikely that the Church at large would be united in its reception and permanent use.

Your Committee desire explicitly, to say that they greatly favour a shortened form of service for certain times and places. They only deprecate the attempt to do it by breaking down one of the safeguards raised by the Constitution as it now stands. Better by any other course, namely, a Commission on Ritual Revision, seek to accomplish the end in view.

In conclusion, your Committee call attention to a joint resolution of both Houses of the last General Convention, to be found on page 361, Journal 1874, in regard to the separate use of Morning Prayer, Litany, and Administration of the Holy Communion. That resolution in Dioceses where it has been acted upon has given much of the relief which has been sought in a shortened form of service.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution, to be found on p. 575, Journal 1874, in these words,—

“*Provided*, That the General Convention may by Canon arrange and set forth a shortened form of Morning and Evening Prayer, to be compiled wholly from the Book of Common Prayer,” be not ratified.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL BENEDICT, *Chairman pro tem.*

SAMUEL S. HARRIS.

J. F. GARRISON.

W. R. HUNTINGTON.

EDWARD MCCREADY.

Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, of the same Committee, presented the following minority Report:—

The undersigned, members of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, find themselves unable to agree with a majority of that Committee in the Report recommending the rejection of the proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3 to

the 8th Article of the Constitution, empowering the General Convention to provide by Canon a shortened form of prayer, and beg leave to state briefly the ground of their dissent.

The necessity of a shortened form of prayer on certain occasions has long been deemed a pressing need of the Church.

A Canon authorizing such a change at certain times passed this body in 1871, but failed to receive the assent of the House of Bishops, on the ground of a want of constitutional power, without an amendment to the Constitution, to pass this Canon.

The same object was sought in this body in 1874 by the enactment of a similar Canon presenting such a form of shortened service. At that time, the Committee on Canons in this body, to whom the subject was referred, in a written report expressed doubts whether the General Convention possessed constitutional power to abridge the form of service at any time by Canon.

This opinion was subsequently confirmed by this Committee, to which the question of constitutional power, raised by the Committee on Canons, was referred.

Upon the 10th October, 1874, this Committee on Amendments to the Constitution reported that the 8th Article of the Constitution forbade the enactment of any Canon prescribing a shortened form of prayer, and that to insure such legislation an amendment to the organic law of the Church was required.

Therefore, this proposed amendment to the 8th Article of the Constitution empowering the General Convention by Canon to arrange and set forth a shortened form of Morning and Evening Prayer, to be compiled wholly from the Book of Common Prayer, to authorize the same to be done by any Diocese, was, upon the 22d day of October, 1874, reported by this Committee and received the approval of this House.

So unanimous was this body then, in its opinion of the stern necessity of a shortened form of service, that the proposed amendment was, after debate, adopted by a vote of Dioceses and Orders of thirty-six ayes of the Clergy to four nays, with one divided; and a vote of twenty-five votes of the Laity to three nays, with two divided Dioceses.

The pending amendment to the Constitution, as it passed this House, was amended in the House of Bishops by striking out the latter clause "of authorizing any Diocese to arrange and set out a shortened service for its own use."

This amendment was concurred in by this House, and the Constitutional Amendment No. 2, in its present form, was adopted by the General Convention, and notice thereof certified or made to the several Dioceses composing the American Church.

The necessity of the proposed change in the Constitution is, in the opinion of the undersigned, greater if possible now than at the period of its adoption.

The need of shortened services must be felt as the capacity of the Episcopal Church, as a great missionary agency, becomes enlarged and extended in its operations.

The adoption of this amendment must in many cases be attended with beneficial result.

Such a necessity was felt years ago in England, and is now in practice there.

Nor do the undersigned concur with a majority of the Committee in their conclusions that this proposed amendment is an *indirect* mode of changing the Prayer Book by an alteration of the rubrics.

The proposed amendment does not alter the language of the Prayer Book in either its prayers or its rubrics.

Nor is the proposed amendment self-executing. The General Convention is alone authorized to give it vitality by prescribing in a Canon the contemplated shortened form of prayer, to be compiled wholly from the Book of Common Prayer.

The substitution of another order of prayer from that now prescribed in the rubrics is not, it is respectfully submitted, a change or an alteration of the language of the rubrics or Prayer Book. The text of both stands, because the General Convention is limited by the pending amendment to prescribe a shortened form of services of prayer in the Book of Common Prayer.

The whole scope of this amendment is therefore simply to empower the General Convention to provide by Canon, on certain occasions, a shorter form of service than those prescribed in the rubrics. If the General Convention of the American Church cannot in its wisdom and discretion be intrusted with the power of such substitution when a larger number of the Dioceses therein, and the Bishops composing that body, express the opinion that the best interests of the Church demand it, it will be difficult to know where such a power should be vested. Besides, such form of shortened prayer is now used in many of the Dioceses, without authority. The adoption of this amendment would lead to uniformity by the adoption of a form of service to be used by all.

This body should see to it that in guarding with scrupulous fidelity and sanctity the organic law of the Church, they do not permit their conservative adherence to its requirements to become an obstacle to the progress and extension of the Church, by a refusal to amend the Constitution when the weal of that Church demands it.

Touching the objection made by a majority of the Committee that the proposed amendment is an indirect alteration of the rubric, and therefore an alteration of the Prayer Book, we submit that, in 1874, a modified rubric was offered in this body, as an amendment to this alteration in the Constitution, and after debate was voted down by a large majority.

The undersigned offer, as a substitute for the proposed action of the majority of the Committee, the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Constitutional Amendment No. 3, to Article 8 of the Constitution, be adopted.

J. W. STEVENSON.
GEO. F. COMSTOCK
E. T. WILDER.
J. B. HOWE.

Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, moved to substitute the concluding resolution for the resolution offered in the majority Report.

Pending the consideration of this motion, the House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, presented the certification of the approval by the Diocese of Western New York of the three pending constitutional amendments.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution appended to the minority Report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented at the morning session.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, October 9, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Burr, of Ohio, and the Rev. Dr. Lewin, of Maryland. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Missouri.

The following Deputies, not previously present, appeared and took their seats :—

The Rev. Dr. Reynolds, of Kansas; and the Rev. Mr. Alger, of Maine.

The Minutes of the fifth day's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. Welsh presented the following report from the Special Committee on the Invitation to this Convention from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology :—

The Committee appointed to thank the President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the invitation tendered to the Convention to visit that Institution, and to arrange for a time at which individual members of the Convention may visit it, respectfully report,—

That President Runkle named Thursday and Friday next, between 9 o'clock and 1 o'clock, and 2½ o'clock and 5 o'clock. He will be found on the first floor of the main building, and it will afford him much pleasure to take members of the Convention through the Institution, which is situated on Boylston Street, opposite the Hotel Brunswick. It is under the management of many of the leading men of Boston, the Governor of the State, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Secretary of the Board of Education, representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is a school of industrial science in which theoretical and practical instruction is given in civil, mechanical, and mining engineering, architecture, chemistry, metallurgy, etc. The Department of Mechanic Arts comprises shops for working iron with hand tools, forging iron and working it with machines, moulding and casting metals, carpenter and joiner work, wood turning, pattern making, designing and making patterns for textiles, weaving them, and also dyeing. There are three hundred pupils, thirty-eight being women, in the school for practical designing, and fourteen in a chemical laboratory.

WM. WELSH.
G. C. SHATTUCK.

The Rev. Dr. Hanckel, from the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, presented the following Report :—

REPORT No. 1.

The Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, to whom was referred the memorial from the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, asking the consent of the General Convention to the erection of a new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese of Virginia, respectfully report :—

WHEREAS, A request has been presented to the House of Deputies from the Diocese of Virginia, that a new Diocese be erected in the present Diocese of Virginia, to consist of the territory of the State of West Virginia, according to the State lines thereof; and

WHEREAS, It appears by official documents laid before this House that the Bishop of Virginia has consented to the erection of the said Diocese, and that all the requirements of Article 5 of the Constitution and of the Canons are fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, The protest of Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, fails to furnish evidence to invalidate these facts, when duly considered in connection with the official documents submitted to your Committee, and the counter protest of J. W. Thompson, also submitted; therefore be it

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies do hereby consent to the erection of the said new Diocese, "to consist of the territory of the State of West Virginia according to the State lines thereof."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee.

J. S. HANCKEL, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Chase, of Illinois, presented additional papers in regard to the proposed new Dioceses in the present Diocese of Illinois; which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, asking "That the resolution of the General Convention forbidding the binding of the Hymnal with the Book of Common Prayer be reconsidered and rescinded," and the resolution adopted by the Diocese of Pennsylvania in aid of said petition, would respectfully report, that though the Hymnal be not a finality and may admit of future revision, yet it was resolved by the last General Convention that it should not be further revised until it had been subjected to the test of actual use for the period of six years. Three of those years have elapsed.

We learn from the "Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen," in whom the copyright is vested, that the publishers have issued, under a license, large editions of the Hymnal, which they have had bound separately, with the understanding that there would be no change of the order at the present Convention. The Committee, while fully appreciating the good objects of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, are of opinion that there is a moral obligation resting upon us to keep the resolution in force a little longer, at least until the completion of the period for testing the actual use of the Hymnal.

The following resolution, therefore, is submitted for adoption:—

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to rescind the order forbidding the binding of the Hymnal with the Book of Common Prayer.

By order of the Committee.

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Chairman*.

Mr. Bates, of Delaware, presented a memorial of the late Mr. Franklin Fell; Mr. Hay, of Pittsburgh, presented a memorial of the late Mr. Thos. M. Howe; the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. Camp; Mr. Bailey, of Mississippi, presented a memorial of the late Mr. Thomas E. B. Pegues; the Rev. Dr. Sansom, of Mississippi, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. Crane; The Rev. Dr. Pinckney, of South Carolina, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Jas. H. Elliott: all of which memorials were referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey, it was

Resolved, That the resolution of this House empowering the President to appoint the Nominating Committee of the Board of Missions be rescinded, as the Constitution of the Board of Missions requires that the appointment be by ballot.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, it was voted to proceed to ballot for a Nominating Committee.

The House proceeded to an election.

The following persons were unanimously elected : —

The Rev. Dr. Lewin, of Maryland ; the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island ; the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Ohio ; Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania ; Mr. McWhorter, of Central New York ; Mr. Stark, of Connecticut.

The Rev. Mr. Alsop, of Pittsburgh, offered the following preamble and resolution : —

WHEREAS, The resolution reported by the Committee on Canons (marked No. 19) printed as Resolution 1, on page 164 of the Journal for 1874, having reference to the separation of services, is open to difference of interpretation, so that in some Dioceses it is held that the resolution only sanctions the separation of the services in case the omitted service or services be used at some other time in the same day ; therefore be it

Resolved, That this resolution be referred to the Committee on Canons with instructions to report whether any, and if any, what change of phraseology be necessary to make the meaning of the resolution on this point more explicit.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ayrault, of Central New York, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar : —

Resolved, That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to set forth an Office or Form of Service, to be used in this Church on the fourth day of July, so long as this day shall continue to be observed as a legal holiday.

On motion of Mr. Parker, of New Jersey, it was

Resolved, That a proposed Canon, entitled "Of the use of the Book of Common Prayer," and printed on pages 44 and 45 of the Journal of 1874, be referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book, and that the Committee report on Monday next at 11 A.M., such alterations of the Prayer Book, whether by additional rubrics or otherwise, as will provide for a shortened Order of Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, to be used on days other than Sundays, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, or Ascension Day, in lieu of the present Order for Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as in their judgment may be necessary, and that such report be made the Order of the Day at that hour, on that day.

The special Order of the Day, namely, the resolutions offered by Mr. Welsh, on the third day of the session, having been taken up, on motion, the resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hill, of California, it was

Resolved, That the resolutions just adopted be referred to a committee of five clergymen and five laymen, to devise some means to carry said resolutions into effect.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar: —

REPORT No. 5.

The Committee on Canons to whom was referred a proposed amendment to Section ii of Canon 8, Title I, page 42, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section ii of Canon 8 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows: —

§ ii. [1.] A candidate for Priesthood shall not be ordained to that office within three years from his admission as such candidate.

[2.] A candidate for Priesthood shall not be ordained within one year from his reception of Deacon's Orders, except by the advice and consent of three fourths of all the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, at a meeting duly convened.

By order of the Committee.

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The President appointed Mr. Nash, of New York, as a member of the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, in place of Mr. Livingston, of New York, not present in the Convention.

The special Order of the Day, namely, the resolution appended to Report No. 1, of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, was taken up and considered. (For the Report, see third day's proceedings.)

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, the Rev. Mr. Langford, of New Jersey, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. S. A. Clark, of the same Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hills, of New Jersey, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions, to consider and report some plan for recommendation to this House, whereby the General Convention shall be a constituent part of the Board of Missions, and whereby the business of the Board of Missions shall form a part of the business of the General Convention.

The President appointed the following persons as the committee to devise some means to carry into effect the resolutions of Mr. Welsh, adopted by the House this morning: —

The Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky; the Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, of Minnesota; the Rev. Dr. Porter, of South Carolina; the Rev. Dr. Seymour, of New York; the Rev. Dr. Parker, of New Jersey; Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Blair, of Maryland; Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut; Mr. Devereux, of Ohio; Mr. Whittle, of Georgia.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops: —

BOSTON, MASS., 6th day of the Session,
October 9, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 5.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a section be added to Title I, Canon 21, to be numbered Section ii, as follows:—

§ ii. Ministers shall also be continually diligent in the inculcation of Christian holiness of life, in such following of the example of our Saviour Christ as shall exhibit to the world in the membership of the Church a peculiar people, called out to be separate from all vain pomps and glories, covetous desires, fraudulent dealings, and all things which imperil spirituality of life; and more specifically, as occasion shall require, shall warn their people against habits of gaming, intemperance, the criminal destruction of ante-natal life, attendance at places frequented by evil-livers, and sports abused to purposes of licentiousness or fraud; exhorting to the maintenance of family worship and the due observance of the Lord's Day; and calling upon parents and sponsors to train their children and godchildren, both by precept and example, faithfully to observe their baptismal vows.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 6th day of the Session,
October 9, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 6.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has concurred in the resolution communicated in Message No. 2, from the House of Deputies (respecting the expenses and accounts of the Convention), and has appointed the following members on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee contemplated in said message, to wit:—

The Bishop of Indiana, the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, the Bishop of Iowa, and the Secretary of the House of Bishops.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 5th day of the Session,
October 9, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 7.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has concurred in the resolution communicated in Message No. 3 from the House of Deputies, authorizing the Committees of the two Houses on Canons to sit as a Joint Committee when desired by either Committee.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

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MESSAGE NO. 8.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following be adopted as a section of Canon 1, Title III, to be numbered Section iii:—

§ iii. [1.] The presiding Bishop, for his aid in correspondence and other labor devolved upon him by the Convention and Canons, may at each General Convention, or from time to time, as need shall occur, appoint a Secretary to be paid quarterly by the Treasurer of the General Convention a stipend not to exceed _____ dollars per annum.

[2.] Expenditures of the Presiding Bishop, in fulfilment of duty assigned by the Constitution or Canons for correspondence or travel, shall be defrayed by the Diocese, Standing Committee, Board, or Congregation, in each case at the instance of which such expenditure shall have been incurred.

[3.] At each General Convention the account of the Presiding Bishop for maintenance of his Secretary, and for other expenditures and receipts on account of the same, shall be handed in to the Treasurer of the General Convention, to be audited with the accounts of said Treasurer.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the present Sections iii, iv, and v of the Canons aforesaid, be hereafter numbered as Sections iv, v, vi.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 9.

BOSTON, MASS., 6th day of the Session,
October 9, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [4] of Section vii of Canon 15 of Title I be amended to read as follows:—

The jurisdiction of this Church extending in right, though not always in form, to all persons belonging to it within the United States, it is hereby enacted that each Missionary Bishop shall have jurisdiction over the clergy in the district assigned him; and in case a presentment and trial of a clergyman become proper, the clerical members of the Standing Committee appointed by the Missionary Bishop, as is hereinafter provided for, may make presentment, and the trial shall take place according to the Constitution and Canons of any Diocese of this Church which may have been selected at the time of the appointment of such Standing Committee: *provided*, that the Court shall be composed of at least three Presbyters excluding the members of the Standing Committee and the accused; and if there be not a sufficient number of qualified Presbyters within his jurisdiction, the said Missionary Bishop may call to his aid Presbyters of any Diocese sufficiently near.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 10.

BOSTON, MASS., 6th day of the Session,
October 9, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops has sincere pleasure in welcoming the suggestion of the House of Deputies for an opportunity, on the part of the two Houses, to meet in social and brotherly intercourse, and would respectfully name Thursday next as the time, and the Hotel Brunswick as the place, where after the Houses have lunched together, they may find in the large room above a convenient place for a continuance of brotherly intercourse until three o'clock.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, Messages Nos. 5, 8, and 9 were referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, of Tennessee, it was

Resolved, That this House express to the House of Bishops its pleasure at hearing from that House that it will meet the House of Deputies in social intercourse on Thursday next.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, October 10, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Mr. Bird, of Texas.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Indiana.

The following Deputies, not previously present, appeared and took their seats : —

The Rev. Mr. Bradley, of Indiana ; and Mr. Davies, of New York.

The Minutes of the sixth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Hanckel, from the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, presented the following Reports : —

REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, to whom was referred the memorial of the Diocese of Illinois, asking the consent of the General Convention to the erection of two new Dioceses within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois, respectfully report that having examined the documents submitted to them, and found them to be correct, they recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution : —

WHEREAS, A request has been presented to the General Convention from the Diocese of Illinois, that a new Diocese be erected within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois, to be composed of that part of said Diocese lying west of the Illinois River and La Salle County, and south of the counties of Whiteside and Lee, and

WHEREAS, It appears by documents laid before this House that the Bishop and Convention of Illinois have consented to the erection of the said new Diocese, and that the requirements of Article 5 of the Constitution and of the Canons have been met; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concur with the House of Bishops in consenting to the erection of the said new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois.

On behalf the Committee,

J. S. HANCKEL, *Chairman*.

REPORT NO. 3.

The Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, in the matter of the memorial from the Diocese of Illinois, praying "for the erection of two new Dioceses" within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois, respectfully report further, —

That having examined the documents submitted to them, and found them to be correct, they recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution : —

WHEREAS, A request has been presented to the General Convention from the Diocese of Illinois, that a new Diocese be erected within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois, "to be composed of all that part of the State of Illinois lying south of the counties of Woodford, Livingston, Ford, and Iroquois, and east of the Illinois River," and

WHEREAS, It appears, by official documents laid before this House, that the Bishop and Convention of Illinois have consented to the erection of the said new Diocese, and that the requirements of Article 5 of the Constitution and also of the Canons have been met; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concur with the House of Bishops in consenting to the erection of the proposed new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. HANCKEL, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Illinois, the two Reports were made the Order of the Day for Thursday next, at 11 A.M.

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, presented the Triennial Report of the Board of Missions, with accompanying documents, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Domestic and Foreign Missions. (For the Report, see Appendix III.)

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of New Hampshire, from the Joint Committee appointed at the last General Convention to prepare a Lectionary for Lent, presented a Report (see sixth day's proceedings of the House of Bishops), which, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, was made the Order of the Day for Wednesday, October 17, at 12 M.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Farrington, of Northern New Jersey, it was

Resolved, That the vote on the Constitutional Amendment touching the setting off of Missionary Jurisdictions, unless sooner reached, be taken at 4 o'clock to-day.

The Rev. Dr. Burr, of Southern Ohio, presented the following resolution of that Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic and Foreign Missions:—

Resolved, That the Clerical and Lay Deputies representing this Diocese in the next General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, be instructed to bring to the attention of the General Convention, the question whether it be not possible and wise to so adapt the methods of the Board of Missions to the wants of our times, as to secure through that Board the services of authorized men devoted exclusively to the work known as that of Evangelists.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was made the Order of the Day for Friday next, at 11 o'clock:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Commission, to consist of seven Bishops, seven Presbyters, and seven Laymen be appointed (the Presbyters and Laymen to be chosen by ballot in this House) to consider and to report to the next General Convention what changes, if any, are needed in the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, in order to remove existing difficulties of interpretation, to amend the Lectionary, and to provide by abbreviation or otherwise for the better adaptation of the services of the Church to the wants of all sorts and conditions of men.

The Rev. Dr. Benedict, of Georgia, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. William H. Clarke, of the same Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

The Rev. Dr. White, of Tennessee, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Right Rev. Bishops be respectfully requested to express their opinions as to the impropriety of various instrumentalities adopted for the raising of funds for the support of the Church.

On a division of the House, the resolution was adopted, — ayes 180, nays 23.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, of Alabama, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of altering Article 1 of the Constitution by substituting "the second Wednesday of September," in place of "the first Wednesday of October," as the Constitution now reads.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bradley, of Indiana, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Domestic and Foreign Missions : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Board of Missions be and hereby is instructed to send out Evangelists, who shall hold parochial missions at the request of rectors and ministers in charge, their Bishops consenting. When not so engaged, they shall hold aggressive services under the direction of the Board in places where the Church is not planted. Offerings for general missions shall be asked at the close of every Mission, and all moneys received shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Board.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, of Pittsburgh, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted : —

WHEREAS, There exists no authoritative standard in this Church with regard to the limits of consanguinity or affinity within which marriages may be contracted, therefore,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book to inquire whether it be expedient to print in all future editions of the Book of Common Prayer for use in the Church, the Table of Forbidden Degrees as it exists in the Prayer Book of the Church of England.

A delegation from the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada was received, and introduced to the House by the President.

The Lord Bishop of Huron presented the following Address from the Provincial Synod of Canada to the House of Deputies : —

To the Reverend the President of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Members of the House of Deputies, Clerical and Lay :

We, the Deputation appointed by the Provincial Synod of Canada, at its last Session held in the city of Montreal, to convey to this august body the assurance of their most cordial and affectionate brotherly love and good-will, would present ourselves before you with the fervent prayer that God the Holy Ghost may be in your midst, to guide and direct you in all your deliberations, and that thus the work which you are now taking in hand may be owned and abundantly blessed of God, for the promotion of His glory and the extension and prosperity of His Church, through the merits of His blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We desire also to convey to this House, on behalf of the Provincial Synod of Canada, an expression of the lively satisfaction with which they welcomed, at their recent meeting, the delegation from your General Convention.

They will long cherish a grateful memory of the most profitable and pleasing intercourse which they then enjoyed with its several members; and they are assured that, under the Divine blessing, the happiest results must follow from

such interchanges of brotherly love, and from the testimony so powerfully borne on that occasion to the great truths which Christ's Church holds, as her common heritage, in every clime.

I. HURON.

T. B. NIAGARA.

GEORGE WHITAKER, ARCHDEACON OF YORK, *Prolocutor of the Lower House.*

M. BOOMER, DEAN OF HURON.

ISAAC BROCK, *Sherbrooke.*

THOS. WHITE, JR., *Montreal.*

FENNING TAYLOR.

W. McMURRAY, D.D., D.C.L., ARCHDEACON OF NIAGARA.

Brief addresses were made by the Lord Bishop of Huron; the Lord Bishop of Niagara; the Venerable George Whitaker, Archdeacon of York; the Very Rev. M. Boomer, Dean of Huron; the Venerable Dr. McMurray, Archdeacon of Niagara; the Rev. Isaac Brock, Rector of Sherbrooke, Quebec; Mr. Thomas White, Jr., Montreal; and Mr. F. Taylor, Deputy Clerk of the Synod of Canada.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky, it was

Resolved, That members of the Delegation from the Provincial Synod be invited to take seats on the platform by the President.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops:—

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MESSAGE NO. 11.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Committees of the two Houses on Christian Education have leave to sit as a Joint Committee.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

On motion, the House concurred in the foregoing Message.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Girault, of Louisiana, it was

Resolved, That the Address from the Provincial Synod of Canada be referred to a committee of three to prepare a suitable response thereto.

The Rev. Mr. Girault offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution:—

Resolved, That Article 9 of the Constitution be amended as follows, namely, add at the end of the Article:—

Provided, That any amendment germane to the subject matter of the proposed alteration may be considered and acted upon at the time of the final action by the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 6.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 8, from the House of Bishops, proposing an additional section to Canon 1, of Title III (p. 125), so as to make further provision for the Presiding Bishop, respectfully report that they are of opinion that the subject may better be considered by the Committee on Expenses, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be discharged from the consideration of Message No. 8 from the House of Bishops, and that it be referred to the Committee on Expenses.

By order of the Committee,
ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons:—

Resolved, That Title I, Canon 14, Paragraph vii, Section vii, page 57 of the Digest, be amended by inserting in the sixth line from the bottom of the page, after the word "Professor," the words "*or other officer*," and also in the same line, after the words "Theological Seminary," by inserting the words "College or University."

Mr. Andrews, of Southern Ohio, presented a petition from Churchmen in the city of Cincinnati, praying that the General Convention of 1880 may be held in that city. On motion, the petition was laid on the table.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. McIlwain, of Iowa, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses be instructed to report upon memorials relating to Missionary Jurisdictions.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution. (For the Report, see third day's proceedings.)

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That after the recess, the speeches be limited to ten minutes.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, the Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 3.

On behalf of the Committee on Elections, I beg leave to report:—

That due evidence has been received of the appointment of the Rev. H. H. Waters as a Supplemental Deputy to this Convention from the Diocese of Louisiana, in place of the Rev. W. T. D. Dalzell, D.D., who is unable to attend. The name of Mr. Waters has been given to the Secretary, and entered upon the roll of the House.

For the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Mr. Waters, of Louisiana, appeared and took his seat.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution appended to Report No. 1 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

The question recurring on the resolution offered by the Committee, the House proceeded to vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were 45 Dioceses represented, — ayes 24, nays 17, divided 4.

Of the Laity there were 42 Dioceses represented, — ayes 23, nays 17, divided 2.

DIOCESSES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Banister, and Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Stringfellow. — *Nay.*

ALBANY. — The Rev. Drs. Payne, Pennell, and Harison, and the Rev. Mr. Battershall. — *Aye.*

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Brewer, and Hill. — *Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Beers. — *Nay.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, Ayrault, and McKnight, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood. — *Aye.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Messrs. Marple, Whitehead, and Leverett. — *Aye.*

EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barber, Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns. — *Aye.*

FLORIDA. — The Rev. Drs. Scott, and Steele. — *Aye.*

FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor. — *Aye.*

GEORGIA. — The Rev. Dr. Benedict, and the Rev. Messrs. Rees, Boone, and Foute. — *Aye.*

KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Drs. Shipman, and Craik, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Aye.*

LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Schenck, and Drowne. — *Aye.*

MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Leffingwell, Upjohn, Hayes, and Alger. — *Aye.*

MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Drs. Worthington, and Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath and Lane. — *Aye.*

MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas, and Whipple. — *Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Livermore. — *Nay.*

MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. — *Aye.*

NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Messrs. Millspaugh, Goodale, and Paterson. — *Aye.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Drs. Coit, Hubbard, and Eames, and the Rev. Mr. Sears. — *Aye.*

NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Garrison, Hills, and Parker. — *Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Langford. — *Nay.*

SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Pinckney, and Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough and Johnson. — *Aye.*

TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Mr. Fitts, and the Rev. Dr. Harris. — *Aye.*

TEXAS. — The Rev. Messrs. Bird, and Clemens. — *Aye.*

VERMONT. — The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, Atwill, and Roberts, and the Rev. Dr. Hull. — *Aye.*

WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft. — *Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Stowe. — *Nay.*

WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. De Koven, Cole, and Fulton. — *Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Adams. — *Nay.*

LAY VOTE.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. Clarke, and Moss. — *Aye*. Mr. McWhorter. — *Nay*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Lamberton, Coppée, Atlee, and Maynard. — *Aye*.

EASTON. — Messrs. Goldsborough, and Walker. — *Aye*.

FLORIDA. — Messrs. Ambler, and Benedict. — *Aye*.

FOND DU LAC. — Mr. Jenkins. — *Aye*.

GEORGIA. — Messrs. Whittle, Johnson, and Montgomery. — *Aye*.

IOWA. — Messrs. Boal, and Moar. — *Aye*.

KANSAS. — Mr. Todd. — *Aye*.

KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Stevenson, Cornwall, Robinson, and Churchill. — *Aye*.

LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Prince, and Nicoll. — *Aye*. Mr. Hunter. — *Nay*.

LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur, and Mr. Race. — *Aye*. Mr. McConnell. — *Nay*.

MARYLAND. — Messrs. Magruder, Brune, and Harrison. — *Aye*. Mr. Blair. — *Nay*.

MASSACHUSETTS. — Mr. Mudge. — *Aye*.

MICHIGAN. — Messrs. Baldwin, and Trowbridge. — *Aye*. Mr. Rogers. — *Nay*.

MINNESOTA. — Messrs. Atwater, Wilder, and Holbrook. — *Aye*.

MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill, and Gen. Simpson. — *Aye*.

NEBRASKA. — Mr. Metcalf. — *Aye*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Messrs. Low, and Foster. — *Aye*.

NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Hance, and Parker. — *Aye*. Mr. Wilson. — *Nay*.

SOUTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. McCrady, and Parker. — *Aye*.

TENNESSEE. — Messrs. Thompson, McNeal, Cooper, and Richmond. — *Aye*.

VERMONT. — Messrs. Redfield, and Clement. — *Aye*.

WISCONSIN. — Messrs. Smith, Montgomery, and White. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Drs. Beardsley, and Harwood, and the Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Nay*.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Brooks, Douglass, McKim, and Littell. — *Nay*.

ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, Locke, and Leffingwell. — *Nay*.

INDIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Roberts, and the Rev. Dr. Wakefield. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Bradley. — *Aye*.

IOWA. — The Rev. Messrs. Trimble, and Seymour. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. McIlwain. — *Aye*.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Drs. Thompson, and Percival, and the Rev. Messrs. Girault, and Waters. — *Nay*.

MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, and Dalrymple. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Leeds. — *Aye*.

MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Drs. Sansom, and Douglas, and the Rev. Mr. Marks. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Pickett. — *Aye*.

NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Beach, Cady, Dix, and Seymour. — *Nay*.

NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Watson, Buxton, and Huske, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes. — *Nay*.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Abercrombie, Farrington, and Harrison, and the Rev. Mr. Stansbury. — *Nay*.

OHIO. — The Rev. Drs. Bronson, and Brown, and the Rev. Mr. Farr. — *Nay*.

PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, Rudder, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. — *Nay*.

PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Messrs. Mills, Smith, and Alsop, and the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock. — *Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Greer, Richards, and Henshaw. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Wheeler. — *Aye*.

SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Drs. Burr, Boyd, Morrell, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Nay*.

VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hanckel, Norton, Minnigerode, and Gibson. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

ALABAMA. — Messrs. Bray, White, and Nelson. — *Nay*. Mr. Clark — *Aye*.

ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, Forsyth, and Tremain. — *Nay*.

CONNECTICUT. — Messrs. Seymour, Kingsbury, and Stark. — *Nay*.

DELAWARE. — Messrs. Curtis, Fell, Raymond, and Bates. — *Nay*.

ILLINOIS. — Mr. Judd. — *Nay*.

INDIANA. — Messrs. Morrison, and Duy. — *Nay*. Mr. Howe. — *Aye*.

MISSISSIPPI. — Messrs. Butts, and Bailey. — *Nay*.

NEW YORK. — Messrs. Fish, and Davies. — *Nay*.

NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, and De Rosset. — *Nay*. Mr. J. G. Martin. — *Aye*.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Garthwaite, and Meigs. — *Nay*.

OHIO. — Messrs. Moss, and Devereux. — *Nay*.

PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, Harrison, Coffin, and Hazlehurst. — *Nay*.

PITTSBURGH. — Messrs. Shoenberger, Burgwin, Hay, and Smith. — *Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Goddard, and Hoppin. — *Nay*. Mr. Stiness. — *Aye*.

SOUTHERN OHIO. — Messrs. Andrews, Horton, and McGuffey. — *Nay*.

VIRGINIA. — Messrs. Sheffey, Taylor, Thompson, and Parker. — *Nay*.

WISCONSIN. — Messrs. Doe, and Camp. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Mr. Matthews. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Tupper. — *Nay*.

KANSAS. — The Rev. Dr. Reynolds, and the Rev. Mr. Cox. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Beatty, and the Rev. Mr. Loring. — *Nay*.

MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Drs. Burgess, and Huntington. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Vinton, and Lambert. — *Nay*.

WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, and Howard. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Ingersoll, and Bishop. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

MAINE. — Messrs. Bridge, and Jackson. — *Aye*. Messrs. Ingalls, and Gardiner. — *Nay*.

WESTERN MICHIGAN. — Mr. Chapin. — *Aye*. Mr. Peirce. — *Nay*.

The resolution reported by the committee, recommending the ratification of the proposed Amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution, was therefore, by a majority of all the Dioceses, adopted.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops : —

MESSAGE NO. 12.

BOSTON, MASS., 7th day of the Session,
October 10, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [12] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III (relating to the dissolution, by the Bishop, of the connection between the minister and congregation of a foreign Church) be and is hereby repealed.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 7th day of the Session,
October 10, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 13.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II be amended to read as follows:—

§ ii. A Bishop of this Church may remit and terminate any sentence of deposition or degradation canonically pronounced by him upon a Presbyter or Deacon within his jurisdiction, if, upon reasons which, with unanimous advice and consent of the Standing Committee of his Diocese, he shall deem sufficient, he shall receive from the five Bishops in charge of Dioceses or Missionary Districts nearest to his own, to whose judgment he shall submit his proposed action, with his reasons for the same, their unanimous consent and approval for the proposed remission. *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to cases provided for by Canon 6 of Title II.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 11, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Farrington, of Northern New Jersey, and the Rev. Dr. Pennell, of Albany.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of North Carolina.

The Minutes of the seventh day's proceedings were read and approved.

The President read an invitation to the members of the House, from the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Maine, to attend the consecration of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, at Portland, on Thursday, the 18th inst.

In order to enable the House of Deputies to meet the House of Bishops in social intercourse, on motion of Mr. Parker, of New Jersey, it was

Resolved, That the rule in regard to the daily recess of the House be altered for to-day, so that the recess may be from 1 to 3 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Farrington, of Northern New Jersey, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to consider and report whether any proposed alteration of the Constitution is adopted which has not received the concurrent vote of the Clerical Deputation and the Lay Deputation "in a majority of the Dioceses which have adopted the Constitution."

On a division of the House, the resolution was adopted, — ayes 106, nays 70.

The President announced the following committee to prepare a reply to the address from the Provincial Synod of Canada: —

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island; the Rev. Mr. Girault, of Louisiana; and Mr. Fish, of New York.

Mr. Fish, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar: —

REPORT No. 4.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom have been referred certain memorials, resolutions, and other papers relating to a proposed appointment of a Constitutional Commission, to consider what amendments, if any, may be made in the Constitution of the Church, having had the same under careful examination, respectfully report that they find themselves unanimously of opinion that it is inexpedient to recommend the establishment or authorization of such Commission.

The proposition is not now for the first time brought to the notice of the Convention. Not to refer to more remote or indefinite suggestions of a revision of the Constitution, the subject was distinctly presented to the last General Convention, and failed to receive the favourable consideration of either the committee to whom it was referred or of this House.

This committee concurs with that to which the question was referred at the last General Convention, in the opinion that the few and comparatively unimportant amendments which experience has shown to be necessary, attests the wisdom and foresight on which its founders established the present Constitution, while the mode provided by the Constitution for its own amendment affords an ever ready and ample means to effect such changes as time, experience, or the growth and expansion of the Church may make necessary. Alterations in the organic law should never be made unless demanded by the well-ascertained and best interests of the Church, nor without the most full, mature deliberation; and the history of the Constitution shows that when thus demanded the necessary changes have been made by specific amendments. Your committee are persuaded that the experience of the past points to the path of safety for the present and for the future.

A Constitutional Commission would in the nature and essence of its functions be unlimited in its powers, and would be at liberty to revise the entire fabric on which the organization of the Church in the United States has rested, and has grown to its present condition and extent. All the limitations and provisions of the present Constitution, all that the wisdom of the founders of the Church in this country thought necessary, and all that the experience of nearly a century has added to the original Constitution, would be thrown, together with theories and speculations on constitutional limitations or grants of power, into a caldron out of which the Commission will be expected to compound a new Constitution for the Church in this country.

Your committee fear that such a step would greatly alarm the Church-loving people of the country, would seriously disturb their respect for the fundamental organization of the Church throughout the United States, and would shake their confidence in its stability.

They believe that whenever the necessities of the Church demand a change in any of the existing limitations or provisions of the Constitution, they will not fail to obtain the needed changes through the mode of amendment already provided. A single substantive amendment to the Constitution will be more carefully considered by the Convention, and be decided upon its merits with greater certainty

when presented by itself, and standing alone, than when presented with a number of other amendments grouped in the form of a report from a Constitutional Commission, which in the exercise of its unrestricted powers may have torn down and rebuilt, as well those parts of the Constitution that are free from all objection as those which may be thought to be defective. Moreover, there is at least reasonable probability that the work of a Commission would fail to receive the approval of the Convention. Opposition in one direction will unite with opposition from another and widely different direction, and secure, if not the rejection of the report as a whole, at least delay in its adoption, and leave us for years precisely where we now are, while the fact that an entire revision of the Constitution has been thought necessary and been authorized, would have lessened the force by diminishing the respect for and confidence in the present Constitution.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to institute any Commission to revise and amend the Constitution of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. HALL.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
W. R. HUNTINGTON.
J. F. GARRISON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
EDWARD McCRADY.
J. W. STEVENSON.
HAMILTON FISH.
J. B. HOWE.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.
E. T. WILDER.

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following memorial of the late Rev. Dr. Hallam, of Connecticut, which, on motion, was entered upon the Minutes of the House :—

The Committee on the State of the Church desire to place on the records of the House a brief memorial of the late Rev. Robert A. Hallam, D.D., who entered into rest January 4, 1877, and who, at the time of his death, was Rector Emeritus of St. James' Church, New London, Conn.

Dr. Hallam had been for more than forty years Rector of St. James' Church, New London, one of the Clerical Deputies from the Diocese of Connecticut from 1850 to 1868, and reappointed at several successive General Conventions as Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church.

He was a man of varied learning, sound judgment, and great discretion, as much distinguished for modesty and humility as unyielding firmness and courage ; wise in counsel, zealous in labour, ever an earnest and watchful pastor ; and his long life of large usefulness was crowned with a peaceful and happy death, and " his works do follow him."

Your committee offer this minute *in memoriam*, and as a grateful acknowledgment of long and faithful service in the work of the Church.

Resolved, That it be entered upon the Records of the House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. VAN DEUSEN, *Chairman*.

The President introduced to the House the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, who responded to the expressions of welcome by a brief address.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops :—

MESSAGE No. 14.

BOSTON, MASS., 8th day of the Session,
October 11, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this Convention hereby consents to, and ratifies, the formation of a new Diocese within the limits of the Diocese of Illinois, to be composed of that part of said Diocese lying west of the Illinois River and La Salle County, and south of the counties of Whiteside and Lee.

Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, that this Convention hereby consents to, and ratifies, the formation of a new Diocese within the limits of the Diocese of Illinois, to be composed of all that part of the State of Illinois lying south of the counties of Woodford, Livingston, Ford, and Iroquois, and east of the Illinois River.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE 15.

BOSTON, MASS., 8th day of the Session,
October 11, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Committees of the two Houses on Foreign and Domestic Missions have leave to sit as a Joint Committee.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 15, from the House of Bishops.

The Order of the Day was taken up, to wit, the Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, relating to the division of the Diocese of Illinois. (For the Report, see sixth day's proceedings.)

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, Mr. Foster, of New Hampshire, presented a memorial of the late Mr. William P. Wheeler, of the same Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Harison, of Albany, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire and report upon the expediency of amending (p. 139) Canon 2, Title IV, so as to provide for the correction of the references by number from one Canon to another.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That as a feeble expression of the pleasure of the members of this House, and an evidence of their high appreciation of a great favour and privilege, the thanks of the House be returned to the Rev. the Rector, and the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church for the use of that church, and to the Committee on the Choir Festival for the gratifying and refreshing musical entertainment of last evening, as furnished at the Choir Festival.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Reports, which were placed on the Calendar: —

REPORT NO. 7.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a proposed amendment to Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 14 of Title I, relating to Professors in Colleges, etc. (p. 57), respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 14 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows: —

"[4.] It shall be the duty of all Ministers to obtain and present letters dimissory, as above described, whenever they remove from one Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to another, and remain there for six months. But this provision shall not apply to any Minister who is a Professor in the General Theological Seminary, an officer of the Board of Missions, or a Professor or other officer in any University, College, or other institution of learning maintained or governed in part by the Diocese to which such Minister belongs; or to Chaplains in the Army or Navy of the United States. And when a new Diocese shall be erected, within the limits of the Diocese to which any such Minister belongs, he shall be entitled to elect in which of such Dioceses he will be canonically resident.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

REPORT NO. 8.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 12 from the House of Bishops, proposing the repeal of (p. 135) Clause [12], Section iii, Canon 5, Title III, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the action proposed by them in Message No. 12, repealing Clause [12] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The House resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, relating to the division of the Diocese of Illinois. (For the Report, see sixth day's proceedings.)

On motion of Mr. Clark, of Alabama, it was

Resolved, That the vote on the pending question be taken on or before four o'clock.

The question being taken on the resolution appended to the first part of the Report of the Committee (relating to the erection of a new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois, to be composed of that part of said Diocese lying west of the Illinois River and La Salle County, and south of the counties of Whiteside and Lee), it was adopted.

The question being taken on the resolution appended to the second part of the Report of the same Committee (relating to the erection of a new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois, to be composed of all that part of the State of Illinois lying

south of the counties of Woodford, Livingston, Ford, and Iroquois, and east of the Illinois River), it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, the House concurred in Message No. 14, from the House of Bishops, consenting to the erection of two new Dioceses within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by this House to consider certain resolutions that recommend increased personal service by the Laity, be authorized to confer with a committee of the House of Bishops, appointed to consider the same resolutions.

Mr. Winthrop, of Massachusetts, presented an invitation to the members of the House to visit the rooms of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the General Theological Library.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be returned to the officers of these Institutions for the invitation.

On motion, the House adjourned.

NINTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, October 12, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Hills, of New Jersey, and the Rev. Dr. Barber, of Easton.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of California.

The Minutes of the eighth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The following Deputies, not previously present, appeared and took their seats:—

Mr. White, of Iowa; the Rev. Mr. Scheetz, of Missouri; Mr. Wm. F. Martin, of North Carolina; Mr. Mills, of Northern New Jersey; Mr. Hutchins, of Texas.

The Rev. Dr. Cole, of Wisconsin, presented the following petition from the Free Church Association, which was referred to the Committee on Canons:—

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America:—

The Free Church Association, and others, beg leave respectfully to urge upon the General Convention of the Church, the propriety and importance of enacting

a Canon, or amending an existing Canon, to forbid the consecration of churches in which pews or permanent sittings are sold.

It is respectfully submitted in support of this application, that the best interests of the Church demand a recognition of the principles (1) that our churches should be so free and open that all who wish may worship in them; (2) that in them there should exist no distinctions on the ground of wealth and social position; and above all, (3) that when they are consecrated to Almighty God, they should be absolutely and unreservedly His, and not the property of a limited number of persons who have bought the pews.

If these propositions are admitted, it would seem proper that the Church, in General Convention, should take action looking to the result which their general acceptance would bring about.

Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the practicability of dispensing altogether with the rental of seats as a means of supporting churches, it is not likely that there will be any dispute among Churchmen as to the great impropriety of selling the seats in churches, and then consecrating them to Almighty God; thus offering to Him, as a place where all His people may worship Him, a piece of property which has been already sold and conveyed by deed to a certain number of persons, who have thereby become, in fact, vested with the absolute ownership of the property, and consequently the right to exercise the privileges of ownership to the exclusion of all others. In many instances the proceeds of the sale of seats constitute the fund of money with which the church is built, and, in every instance, the owners of pews constitute, in fact, a joint stock company, whose capital is represented by the church property. If the title to the church property is held by a corporation, all the franchises of that corporation rest really in the pew-owners, and the whole management and control of the church is practically in their hands. The pews are advertised for sale in the newspapers, and are sold at public auction to the highest bidder, and God's house becomes itself a matter of merchandise. The evil is developed in its twofold aspect as it grows. On the one hand we find ourselves taking away the care and direction of our churches from those to whom God has committed them, by placing them under the control of men holding vested interests measured by the money they have put into them; and on the other hand, offering churches to God, by consecrating them to His service, while we keep back from the offering all that makes it His house and a house of prayer for all people.

To those who are advocates for churches wholly free, without either the sale or rental of seats, the practice of selling pews, wherever it exists, presents itself as a radical difficulty in the way of all their efforts. The movement in favour of free churches has made so much progress in this country during the last few years, the practical importance of the subject, as affecting the progress of the Church, and its influence upon the masses of the people, has been so generally felt, that it seems to your memorialists to be proper and right that the subject should be brought to the attention of your Body at this time, so that such legislation may be had as will at least remove a serious difficulty in the way of the Church's advance, and give a fair chance for testing thoroughly a question, which, in the opinion of many of our clergy and people, affects directly the best interests of the Church.

The Free Church Association,

J. VAUGHAN MERRICK, *President*.

G. WOOLESEY HODGE, *Corresponding Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McKnight, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Prayer Book be instructed to consider the expediency of increasing the number of occasional prayers by the addition of the following:—

Prayer for God's ancient people, the Jews.

For Indians.

For the youth of the Church.
For parents and sponsors.
For people on a journey, and
For the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Harwood, of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That Canon 12, Section ii, Paragraph I, on p. 120, be referred to the Committee on Canons, and that they be requested to report to this Convention whether any alteration of its terms be necessary or expedient.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. DeKoven, of Wisconsin, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments in regard to a Constitutional Commission be made the special Order for the Day for Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, was placed on the Calendar :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this Convention will adjourn *sine die* on Monday, October 22, at 9 o'clock, P.M.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Canons :—

Resolved, That Section i, Canon 12, Title II (p. 120) of the Digest, be amended by striking out the words "be required to receive," and substituting the word "register."

On motion of Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That owing to the absence of Mr. Cambridge Livingston, the President has authority to supply his place on a Joint Committee on securing increased efficiency in the government of the General Theological Seminary, appointed in 1874 to report at this Convention.

The President appointed Mr. Mills, of Northern New Jersey, a member of the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

The Rev. Mr. Whipple, of Minnesota, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the special committee appointed to prepare a reply to the address from the Provincial Synod of Canada :—

Whereas our brethren in Canada have organized the Province of Manitoba, comprising a large portion of British North America, we send to these faithful brethren, engaged in carrying the Gospel throughout this vast region, our fraternal regard, and assure them of our sympathy and love.

The Rev. Mr. Bird, of Texas, presented a memorial of the late Rev. S. D. Davenport, of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the proposed Constitutional Amendment with regard to the Lectionary be made the Order of the Day for Monday next at 12 M.

The Order of the Day was taken up, to wit, the resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, on the seventh day of the session, relating to the appointment of a Joint Commission.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book.

Mr. Shattuck, from the Committee on Expenses, presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Canons :—

Resolved, That this House do concur with the action of the House of Bishops in the modification of Canon 1, Title III, as contained in Message No. 8

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Michigan, it was

Resolved, That the form of Testimonial, contained in Clause [2], Section iv, Canon 8, Title I, on page 43 of the Digest of Canons, in Journal of 1874, be referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to inquire what change, if any, may be necessary in the language of said Testimonial in order to indicate clearly what amount of personal knowledge concerning the "Candidate for Priesthood," in whose behalf the Testimonial is given, is required on the part of those who may sign such Testimonial.

The Rev. Mr. Tupper, of Arkansas, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution :—

WHEREAS, The Bishop of a Missionary Jurisdiction is entitled to a seat and vote in the House of Bishops of the General Convention of this Church; therefore, be it

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that the Clerical and Lay Deputies chosen by such Missionary Jurisdiction to attend the House of Deputies be entitled to a vote as well as a seat in the same, with all the privileges pertaining to Deputies from the regularly organized Dioceses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire and report to this House whether in Clause [2] of Section iv of Canon 6 of Title I (page 38 of the Digest), and in Clause [2] of Section iv of Canon 8 of Title I (page 43), the omission of the requirement, in respect to testimonials, that they be signed in meetings of Vestries, duly convened, with a certificate of this fact on the face of the testimonials, be accidental or intentional; and if accidental, that the committee be instructed, if they think needful, to propose to this House such change or addition as will supply the deficiency.●

On motion of Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire and report to this House, whether any, and if so, what legislation may be necessary to make the form of testimonials, set forth in the Canons, conform to the requirements of the Canons themselves.

Mr. Judd, of Illinois, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to a special committee of seven :—

WHEREAS, A majority of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, at the Lambeth Conference held in the year of our Lord 1867, while solemnly "professing the Faith delivered to us in Holy Scripture, maintained in the Primitive Church, and by the Fathers of the English Reformation," did also "express the deep sorrow with which we view the divided condition of the Flock of Christ throughout the world, ardently longing for the fulfilment of the Prayer of our Lord, 'That all may be One';" and did furthermore "solemnly record" and set forth the means by which "that unity will be most effectually promoted";

AND WHEREAS, This Lambeth Declaration was not only signed by all the nineteen American Bishops then and there present, but the whole House of Bishops, at the General Convention of 1868, also formally resolved that they "cordially united in the language and spirit" of the same;

AND WHEREAS, Our fervent prayer, daily offered, "that all who profess and call themselves Christians may hold the Faith in unity of spirit," cannot receive fulfilment unless there be a clear and steadfast clinging to "the Faith once for all delivered to the saints";

AND WHEREAS, The restoration of this "unity of spirit," in the Apostolic "bond of peace," among all Christian people, for which we thus daily pray, ought also to be the object of our most earnest efforts;

AND WHEREAS, This unity manifestly cannot be restored by the submission of all other parts to any one part of the divided Body of Christ, but must be reached by the glad reunion of all in that Faith which was held by all before the separations of corrupt times began;

AND WHEREAS, The venerable documents in which the Undisputed Councils summed up the Catholic Faith, are not easily accessible to many of the Clergy, and have never been fully set forth to our Laity in a language "understood of the people";

Therefore Resolved, by the House of Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, That a memorial be presented to the Lambeth Conference at its second session, expressing our cordial thanks for the action of its first session in 1867, in which it enjoined upon us all, the promotion of Unity, "by maintaining the Faith in its purity and INTEGRITY, as taught by the Holy Scriptures, held by the Primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds, and affirmed by the Undisputed General Councils"; and in furtherance of the good work thus recommended and enjoined, we humbly request the said Lambeth Conference, by a joint commission of learned divines, or otherwise, to provide for the setting forth of an accurate and authentic version, in the English language, of the Creeds and the other acts of the said Undisputed General Councils concerning the Faith, thus proclaimed by them as the standards of orthodox belief for the whole Church.

Resolved also, That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to take order that this memorial shall be duly laid before the next session of the Lambeth Conference by the hand of such of its members as may be present thereat.

The President appointed the following persons as the special committee contemplated in the foregoing resolution: the Rev. Drs. Vinton, of Massachusetts; Rudder, of Pennsylvania; Adams, of Wisconsin; Stringfellow, of Alabama; and Messrs. Judd, of Illinois; Fish, of New York; and Meads, of Albany.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the business on the Calendar, to wit, the Reports of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, relating to the amendment of Article 8 of the Constitution (for the Report, see fifth day's proceedings), the question being on the substitution of the resolution appended to

the minority Report for the resolution appended to the Report of the majority.

On motion of Mr. Granger, of Southern Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the vote on this question be taken to-morrow, at a quarter before 12 o'clock.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to the Rev. Dr. Harrison, of Northern New Jersey.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, from the Joint Committee on the Canon "Of Deaconesses," presented the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on Canons, with the request to consider the proposed Canon in a joint session with the Committee on Canons of the House of Bishops:—

The Joint Committee on the Canon "Of Deaconesses," appointed to report to the present General Convention, respectfully submit as follows:—

They do not deem it necessary to present any extended argument in favour of recognizing by Canon the work of the deaconess. That office is in actual exercise in many of our Dioceses, and is gradually being extended throughout the Church.

The only question now, in the opinion of your committee, is as to whether the whole subject shall be left to the judgment of individual Bishops and of individuals generally, or whether it shall, by legislation on the part of the General Convention, be brought under the guidance and control of the general Church.

Your committee are of the opinion that, for more reasons than one, it is best and most expedient that the General Convention should legislate in the premises,—first, because, in their judgment, it is due to the earnest women who are willing to devote themselves to the sacred office of the deaconess, that they should receive a formal recognition of their office, and also be taken under the guidance and protection of the laws of the Church. It is within the knowledge of a part of your committee that there are some, even now, who await the action of the General Convention before consenting to enter formally upon the exercise of the office of a Deaconess. And moreover, secondly, your committee think it due to the Church that it should be made known, as it can only adequately be made known by formal legislation, what is the nature of that office, and what the character of the communities, or sisterhoods, growing up under its exercise for which she is willing to hold herself responsible. Your committee, therefore, recommend for adoption the following Canon, to be entitled

OF DEACONESSES, OR SISTERS.

§ i. Women of devout character and proved fitness may be set apart by any Bishop of this Church for the work of a Deaconess or Sister, according to such form as shall be authorized by the House of Bishops.

§ ii. The duties proper to a Deaconess or Sister are declared to be the care of our Lord's poor and sick, the education of the young, the religious instruction of the neglected, and the work of moral reformation.

§ iii. No woman shall be set apart for the work of a Deaconess or Sister until she shall be twenty-five (25) years of age, unless the Bishop, for special reasons, shall determine otherwise, but in no case shall the age be less than twenty-one (21) years; it being further provided that no woman shall be so set apart until she shall have laid before the Bishop testimonials certifying (a) that she is a communicant of this Church in good standing; (b) that she possesses

such characteristics as, in the judgment of the persons testifying, fit her for, at least, one of the branches of duty above declared. Such testimonials shall be signed by one Presbyter of this Church and by five lay communicants of the same, of whom two shall be men and three women.

The Bishop shall also satisfy himself that the applicant has had an adequate preparation for her work, both technical and religious, which preparation shall have covered the period of at least one year.

§ iv. No Deaconess or Sister shall work officially in a Diocese without the express authority in writing of the Bishop of that Diocese, nor shall she exercise her office among the people of any parish except with the permission and under the oversight of the Minister thereof.

§ v. A Deaconess or Sister shall not take any vow of perpetual obligation as regards her office, and may at any time resign the same to the ecclesiastical authority from which she received it; but having once resigned her office, she shall not be reappointed, unless in the judgment of the Bishop such resignation was for weighty cause.

§ vi. A Deaconess or Sister may be transferred from one Diocese to another upon request of the Bishop of the Diocese to which she is transferred.

§ vii. The Constitution and Rules for the home government of any Institution for the training of Deaconesses or Sisters, or of any Community in which said Deaconesses or Sisters are associated, shall have the sanction in writing of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Institution or Community exists.

All books of devotion and formularies of worship used in such Institution or Community shall have the like sanction, and shall be in harmony with the usages of this Church and the principles of the Book of Common Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

RICH'D H. WILMER,
A. N. LITTLEJOHN,
M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE,
JOSEPH F. GARRISON,
WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON,
WILLIAM WELSH,

Joint Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That persons desiring leave of absence may receive the same from the Committee on Elections.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops :—

MESSAGE No. 16.

BOSTON, MASS., 9th Day of the Session,

October 12, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Second Triennial Report of the Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen and of Infirm and Disabled Clergymen, be communicated to the House of Deputies.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

(For the Report referred to in the foregoing Message see Appendix V.)

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire if any, and what, alteration of the language of Canon 2 of Title IV, respecting the mode of citing a Canon, is desirable.

The following Report was received :—

The Special Committee to which was committed the Address of the Deputation from the Provincial Synod of Canada, respectfully submit, for the consideration of the House of Deputies, a reply to such Address, with a resolution for adoption by the House.

Resolved, That the reply to the Address of the Deputation from the Provincial Synod of Canada be adopted, and that a copy properly authenticated by the President and Secretary of this House be delivered to such Deputation.

Respectfully submitted,

NOAH HUNT SCHENCK.
JNO. F. GIRAULT.
HAMILTON FISH.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.
HOUSE OF DEPUTIES, BOSTON, October 12, 1877.

To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Huron; the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Niagara; the Venerable Dr. Whitaker, Archdeacon of York, Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Synod of Canada; the Very Rev. M. Boomer, LL.D., Dean of Huron; the Venerable Dr. McMurray, Archdeacon of Niagara; the Rev. Isaac Brock, Rector of Sherbrooke, Quebec; Mr. Thomas White, Jr., of Montreal; and Mr. Fennings Taylor, the Deputation from the Provincial Synod of Canada:—

RIGHT REV. FATHERS, FATHERS, AND BRETHREN:—

The House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States has received with the most profound gratification the Address presented by you, in behalf of the Provincial Synod of Canada; and welcomes with cordial affection the presence of the venerable and august Deputation which has borne to this House the assurance of brotherly love and good-will from the Church in Canada, one with us in spirit and in tradition, one with us in a common faith and hope, one with us in object and in view, and in the service of the same blessed Lord and Master.

This House desires the venerable Deputation to convey to their and our brethren, clerical and lay, in the Dominion of Canada, the assurance of gratitude of this Body, for the Christian and brotherly interest manifested in the proceedings of the General Convention of the Church in the United States by the Church in Canada, and the conviction on the part of this House that such interchanges of love and of friendship as their presence affords, tends to make two branches of the one Holy Church of Christ more and more "members one of another."

When your Deputation shall leave us you will carry with you the best wishes of every member of this House for the individual welfare and happiness of each of your members, and you will leave with us the most grateful memory of the profitable and pleasing intercourse which your presence has afforded to the members of this Body.

Right Reverend Lords Bishop, Venerable and Reverend Gentlemen, and Gentlemen, in the name of our Blessed Lord and Master, this House of Deputies bids you, when you shall leave us, God's blessing.

By order of the House of Deputies,

ALEX. BURGESS, *President*.

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the resolution submitted by the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops:—

MESSAGE NO. 17.

BOSTON, MASS., 9th day of the Session,
October 12, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concurs in Message No. 6 from the House of Deputies [consenting to the erection of a new Diocese within the present Diocese of Virginia].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT No 9.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of the voluntary withdrawal of persons from the duties of the sacred Ministry for causes not affecting their moral character, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and to offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 5 of Title II is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

CANON V.

Of Renunciation of the Ministry.

§ i. If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to which he belongs his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop or of the Standing Committee, as the case may be, to record the declaration so made; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop in the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, of any Bishop who, being requested by such Standing Committee, shall consent to act in the matter, to depose such person from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more clergymen that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry of this Church: *provided, however*, that if the Bishop shall be satisfied that the person so declaring is not amenable for any canonical offence, and that his renunciation of the Ministry is for cause not affecting his moral character, he shall, instead of recording the sentence of deposition in the form aforesaid, pronounce and record that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry upon his own renunciation of the same, and not for any cause affecting his moral character; and he shall give a certificate to this effect to the person so deposed; and he shall also give due notice of such deposition from the Ministry to the ecclesiastical authority of every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church in the form in which the same is recorded.

§ ii. If the Bishop or the Standing Committee to whom such declaration renouncing the Ministry is made shall have reason to believe that the person so declaring has acted hastily and unadvisedly, action on such declaration may be postponed for the space of not more than six months, during which time such person may withdraw his application.

§ iii. If the Bishop or the Standing Committee to whom such declaration is made shall have ground to suppose that the person making the same is liable to presentment for any canonical offence, such person may, in the discretion of the Bishop or Standing Committee, as the case may be, notwithstanding such declaration, be put upon trial for such offence in the manner prescribed by Canon for the trial of Ministers in other cases.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the House adjourned.

TENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, October 13, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Millspaugh, of Nebraska, and the Rev. Mr. Leffingwell, of Maine. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Fond du Lac.

The Minutes of the ninth day's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. Parker, of Northern New Jersey, not previously present, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Richards, of Rhode Island, presented a memorial of the late Mr. Edward King, of the same Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

The President appointed Mr. Blair, of Maryland, to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Christian Education.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops : —

BOSTON, MASS., 9th Day of the Session,
October 12, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 18.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 11, from the House of Deputies [ratifying a proposed amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution], for the reason that it deems further legislation in the premises unnecessary.

Attest : HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The House took up the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit, the Reports of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution (for the Reports, see fifth day's proceedings), relating to Shortened Forms of Morning and Evening Prayer.

On the resolution appended to the majority Report, namely, that the amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution be ratified and adopted, the House proceeded to vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-five Dioceses represented, — ayes 13, nays 27, divided 5.

Of the Laity there were forty-two Dioceses represented, — ayes 13, nays 24, divided 5.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Banister, and Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Stringfellow. — *Nay*.

ALBANY. — The Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harison. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Payne. — *Nay*.

CALIFORNIA.—The Rev. Dr. Beers.—*Aye*.
 EASTON.—The Rev. Drs. Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns.—*Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Barber.—*Nay*.
 FOND DU LAC.—The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor.—*Aye*.
 INDIANA.—The Rev. Dr. Wakefield, and the Rev. Mr. Bradley.—*Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Roberts.—*Nay*.
 KANSAS.—The Rev. Drs. Reynolds, and Beatty, and the Rev. Mr. Cox.—*Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Loring.—*Nay*.
 MAINE.—The Rev. Messrs. Leffingwell, Hayes, and Alger.—*Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Upjohn.—*Nay*.
 MINNESOTA.—The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas and Whipple.—*Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Livermore.—*Nay*.
 MISSOURI.—The Rev. Messrs. Scheetz, and Dunlop.—*Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Runcie.—*Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Dr. Abercrombie.—*Aye*.
 TEXAS.—The Rev. Messrs. Bird and Clemens.—*Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Anstice, Howard, and Bishop.—*Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Ingersoll.—*Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—Messrs. Lamberton, Atlee, and Maynard.—*Aye*. Mr. Coppée.—*Nay*.
 INDIANA.—Messrs. Morrison, and Howe.—*Aye*. Mr. Duy.—*Nay*.
 IOWA.—Messrs. Boal, Mooar, and White.—*Aye*.
 KANSAS.—Mr. Todd.—*Aye*.
 KENTUCKY.—Messrs. Stevenson, Cornwall, Robinson, and Churchill.—*Aye*.
 MAINE.—Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner.—*Aye*. Mr. Ingalls.—*Nay*.
 MARYLAND.—Messrs. Magruder, Brune, and Harrison.—*Aye*. Mr. Blair.—*Nay*.
 MINNESOTA.—Messrs. Atwater, Wilder, and Holbrook.—*Aye*.
 MISSOURI.—Mr. Gill, and Gen. Simpson.—*Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO.—Messrs. Horton, Granger, and McGuffey.—*Aye*. Mr. Andrews.—*Nay*.
 TEXAS.—Mr. Hutchins.—*Aye*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN.—Messrs. Peirce, and Chapin.—*Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK.—Messrs. Parshall, Smith, Montgomery, and White.—*Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ARKANSAS.—The Rev. Mr. Matthews.—*Nay*.
 CONNECTICUT.—The Rev. Drs. Beardsley, and Harwood, and the Rev. Mr. Knight.—*Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Johnson.—*Aye*.
 DELAWARE.—The Rev. Messrs. Brooks, Douglass, McKim, and Littell.—*Nay*.
 FLORIDA.—The Rev. Dr. Scott.—*Nay*.
 GEORGIA.—The Rev. Dr. Benedict, and the Rev. Messrs. Rees, Boone, and Foute.—*Nay*.
 ILLINOIS.—The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, and Leffingwell.—*Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Locke.—*Aye*.
 IOWA.—The Rev. Messrs. Ryan, and Seymour.—*Nay*. The Rev. Mr. McIlwain.—*Aye*.
 KENTUCKY.—The Rev. Dr. Shipman, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely.—*Nay*.
 The Rev. Dr. Perkins.—*Aye*.
 LOUISIANA.—The Rev. Dr. Thompson, the Rev. Mr. Girault, and the Rev. Dr. Percival.—*Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS.—The Rev. Dr. Burgess.—*Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Huntington, Vinton, and Lambert.—*Nay*.

MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Drs. Worthington, and Harris.—*Nay* The Rev. Mr. Lane.—*Aye*.

MISSISSIPPI.—The Rev. Dr. Sansom, the Rev. Mr. Marks, the Rev. Dr. Douglas, and the Rev. Mr. Pickett.—*Nay*.

NEBRASKA.—The Rev. Mr. Millsbaugh, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Mr. Paterson.—*Nay*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Rev. Drs. Hubbard, and Eames.—*Nay*.

NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Drs. Garrison, Hills, and Parker.—*Nay*.

NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Beach, Cady, Dix, and Seymour.—*Nay*.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Drs. Watson, Buxton, and Huske, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes.—*Nay*.

OHIO.—The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Farr, and the Rev. Dr. Brown.—*Nay*.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Drs. Rudder, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown.—*Nay*.

PITTSBURGH.—The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Mills, Smith, and Alsop.—*Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND.—The Rev. Messrs. Richards, Wheeler, and Henshaw.—*Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Greer.—*Aye*.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Dr. Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough, and Johnson.—*Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Pinckney.—*Aye*.

SOUTHERN OHIO.—The Rev. Drs. Burr, Boyd, and Morrell.—*Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Stanger.—*Aye*.

TENNESSEE.—The Rev. Dr. White, and the Rev. Mr. Fitts.—*Nay*.

VERMONT.—The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, and Atwill, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts.—*Nay*.

VIRGINIA.—The Rev. Drs. Hanckel, Norton, Minnigerode, and Gibson.—*Nay*.

WESTERN MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, and Conover.—*Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

ALABAMA.—Mr. Nelson.—*Nay*.

ALBANY.—Messrs. Meads, Forsyth, Tremain, and Keese.—*Nay*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Messrs. McWhorter, and Moss.—*Nay*. Mr. Clarke.—*Aye*.

CONNECTICUT.—Messrs. Kingsbury, and Stark.—*Nay*. Mr. Johnson.—*Aye*.

DELAWARE.—Messrs. Curtis, and Bates.—*Nay*.

FLORIDA.—Mr. Benedict.—*Nay*.

FOND DU LAC.—Mr. Jenkins.—*Nay*.

GEORGIA.—Messrs. Whittle, and Johnson.—*Nay*. Mr. Montgomery.—*Aye*.

ILLINOIS.—Mr. Judd.—*Nay*.

LONG ISLAND.—Messrs. Pierrepont, and Nicoll.—*Nay*.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Winthrop.—*Nay*. Mr. Bennett.—*Aye*.

MICHIGAN.—Messrs. Baldwin, Trowbridge, Rogers, and Eaton.—*Nay*.

MISSISSIPPI.—Messrs. Butts, and Bailey.—*Nay*.

NEW JERSEY.—Messrs. Hance, Wilson, and Parker.—*Nay*.

NEW YORK.—Mr. Davies.—*Nay*.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—Messrs. Meigs, Parker, and Mills.—*Nay*.

OHIO.—Mr. Moss.—*Nay*.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Messrs. Coffin, and Hazlehurst.—*Nay*. Mr. Welsh.—*Aye*.

PITTSBURGH.—Messrs. Shoenberger, and Hay.—*Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND.—Messrs. Babcock, Stiness, Goddard, and Hoppin.—*Nay*.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Messrs. McCrady, and Parker.—*Nay*.

TENNESSEE.—Messrs. McNeal, and Cooper.—*Nay*. Mr. Thompson.—*Aye*.

VERMONT.—Messrs. Williams, Redfield, and Clement.—*Nay*.

WISCONSIN.—Mr. Doe.—*Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—The Rev. Dr. Ayrault, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.—*Aye.* The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, and McKnight.—*Nay.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Messrs. Marple, and Whitehead.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Mr. Leverett.—*Nay.*

LONG ISLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Hall, and Schenck.—*Aye.* The Rev. Drs. Drowne, and Snively.—*Nay.*

MARYLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Hutton, and Lewin.—*Aye.* The Rev. Drs. Dalrymple, and Leeds.—*Nay.*

WISCONSIN.—The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, and Cole.—*Aye.* The Rev. Drs. Adams, and Fulton.—*Nay.*

LAY VOTE.

EASTON.—Mr. Goldsborough.—*Aye.* Mr. Walker.—*Nay.*

LOUISIANA.—Gen. Augur.—*Aye.* Mr. Race.—*Nay.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Mr. Low.—*Aye.* Mr. Foster.—*Nay.*

NORTH CAROLINA.—Messrs. Battle, and J. G. Martin.—*Aye.* Messrs. DeRosset, and W. F. Martin.—*Nay.*

VIRGINIA.—Messrs. Taylor, and Parker.—*Aye.* Messrs. Sheffey, and Thompson.—*Nay.*

And the resolution to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution was, accordingly, not adopted.

Mr. Smith, of Western New York, presented a memorial of the late Mr. George W. Cuyler, of the same Diocese; the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. Breck, of California. Both memorials were referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT NO. 10.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of the Dissolution of the Pastoral Connection (Canon 4 of Title II, p. 95, etc.) respectfully report:—

The Committee being of opinion that in view of the provisions of the Constitution for Diocesan legislation in matters Diocesan and local, as well as the failure of the Canon in question to accomplish the desired end, it is expedient to leave the matters contained therein to Diocesan action; and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 4 of Title II is hereby repealed.

By order of the Committee,
ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Harison, of Albany, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of repealing the last two sentences of Article 3 of the Constitution, so as to recognize the full co-ordinate power of the House of Bishops in this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book to consider the proposed shortened form of Morning and Evening Prayer, and "the use of the Book of Common Prayer on other days," as set forth in the proposed Canon printed on pages 44 and 45 of the Journal of the General Convention of 1874, and also the general subject of shorter services, and of services adapted to special classes of people. That the committee be authorized to act as a Joint Committee with any committee of the House of Bishops, should that House be pleased to appoint or to authorize a committee to act on this question with the committee of this House. And that the committee report to this House for action, in conformity with Article 8 of the Constitution, such conclusions as it may reach.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the House of Bishops, with the respectful request that that House appoint or authorize a committee to act with the committee of this House on the subject of the foregoing resolution.

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on Canons :—

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report that they have adopted the following preamble and resolution :—

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable that a complete and authorized list of the Clergy of this Church be published in each Journal of the General Convention; and

WHEREAS, The wording of the Canon which directs the publication of such list is ambiguous, and the provisions of the Canon are inadequately observed; therefore

Resolved, That Canon 14, Section i, Title I, be amended by striking out the words "from time to time," in the last clause of said section.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. VAN DEUSEN, *Chairman*.

The following communication from the Board of Missions was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs :—

THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

BOSTON, October 13, 1877.

To the Rev. C. L. Hutchins, *Secretary of the House of Deputies* :

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Board of Missions held on Friday evening, October 12, the following action was unanimously taken :—

Resolved, That the Board of Missions hereby expresses its profound sense of the evils which come to the Indians from their exclusion from the obligations and benefits of civil law.

Resolved, That this resolution be referred to the General Convention, with the request that such action be taken as may most promptly and effectually promote the correction of the evil which, as citizens and as Christians, we so earnestly deplore.

Attest :

F. B. VAN KLEECK, *Assistant Secretary*.
(In the absence of the Secretary.)

The President appointed Gen. Augur, of Texas, to fill a vacancy in said Committee.

On motion, the House adjourned.

ELEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, October 15, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. McIlwain, of Iowa, and the Rev. Dr. Banister, of Alabama. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of New Jersey.

The Minutes of the tenth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Ingraham, of Missouri, not previously present, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 4.

The Committee on Elections respectfully report:—

That due evidence has been received of the election of the Rev. Joseph H. Smith as a Supplemental Deputy to this Convention from the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, and of his canonical designation to the place made vacant by the Rev. Wm. H. Harrison, D.D., who has obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee would further report that leave of absence for the remainder of the session has been granted to the Hon. Geo. W. Thompson, a Lay Deputy from the Diocese of Virginia, and for a few days to Mr. James K. Edsall, a Lay Deputy from the Diocese of Illinois.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Northern New Jersey, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 2.

The Committee on the Prayer Book, to whom was referred the resolution to "inquire whether it be expedient to print in all future editions of the Book of Common Prayer for use in this Church, the Table of Forbidden Degrees as it exists in the Prayer Book of the Church of England," beg leave to report that a more proper reference of the resolution would have been to the Committee on Canons, inasmuch as the "Table of Kindred and Affinity" is a part of the Canon Law of the Church of England, and its prohibitions are established by civil enactment.

The Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution.

On behalf of the Committee,

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged from the further consideration of the resolution.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar : —

REPORT NO. 3.

The Committee on the Prayer Book have had under careful consideration the resolution respecting the Prayer for the President of the United States and all in civil authority, and are unanimously of opinion that the change sought for, by the substitution of another prayer in a different phraseology, would be an alteration, and not a correction, of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Committee have also had before them a resolution instructing them to consider the expediency of increasing the number of occasional prayers, and have decided with like unanimity against the proposition to introduce any such forms.

The following resolution is offered for adoption : —

Resolved, That the substitution of another prayer for the President of the United States and all in civil authority, and the addition of special prayers for "God's ancient people, the Jews, — for Indians, — for the youth of the Church, — for parents and sponsors, — for people on a journey, — and for the proper observance of the Lord's Day," be not recommended.

By order of the Committee,

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons : —

Resolved, That Section i, Canon 8, Title I, be amended so as to read : —

A candidate for Priest's Orders who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister or licentiate, or as a candidate for the ministry of any other denomination of Christians, may be allowed, as part of the duration of his candidateship, by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, the period during which he may have been a minister, student of theology, or candidate in such other denomination. *Provided*, That the time so allowed shall not exceed two years.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons : —

Resolved, That Canon 6, Title I, be amended by adding to Section iii as follows : —

"Or, if the candidate be a person who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister or licentiate in any other denomination of Christians, he may be ordained on the same conditions as those required for a candidate for the office and ministration of a Deacon only."

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book : —

Resolved, That Canon 22, Title I, be amended by adding to Section i as follows : —

"Nor shall any parts be omitted, except as hereunder provided : —

"On all Sundays, on Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension Day, at Morning and Evening Service, shall be said the full Morning

and Evening Prayer; also, in the morning shall be said the Litany, as it is appointed, and the Communion or Ante-Communion Service, either consecutively with the Morning Prayer, or as separate services, in any order.

"On all other days, the Minister may, at his discretion, omit at Morning and Evening Service, as follows:—

"The Exhortation; all from the Psalter but one Psalm; one of the appointed Lessons; all the Canticles connected with the Lessons but one; the Prayer for the President of the United States and for All in Civil Authority; the Prayer for All Conditions of Men, and the General Thanksgiving. On Wednesdays and Fridays either he shall add the Litany, or he may say it *in lieu* of all the rest of the service.

"At a Second Evening service, on *any* day, the above-described omissions may be made in the Evening Prayer, or the Litany may be said *in lieu* of the whole.

"A sermon or lecture may be preached without being of necessity preceded by the Morning or Evening Prayer. *Provided*, That there be first said a Collect or Collects from the Book of Common Prayer.

"In Chapels, at Mission Services, Missionary Meetings, and the like, other forms of service, taken from the Book of Common Prayer, may be used, subject to the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese or Jurisdiction in which such service is held."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Bronson, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That for the better information of our people it be referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book, to inquire into the expediency of inserting the substance of Canon 13, Title II, as a Rubric before the form of Solemnization of Matrimony.

Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, presented an invitation from the mayor of the city to the members of the Convention, to visit the City Institutions in the harbor.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be returned to his Honor, the Mayor, for the courteous invitation, and that it be accepted for one of the later afternoons of this week.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book:—

Resolved, That before the words "Prayer of St. Chrysostom," in the proposed shortened service referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book, be inserted the words "occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings," as set forth in the Prayer Book.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society was referred to the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society:—

After the word "elected" add

Provided, That the new Board shall not enter upon the exercise of its functions until the close of the Triennial Session of the old Board, held at the time of its appointment.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Prayer Book be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions offered by the Rev. Dr. Dix, on the last day's session of this House, and at that time referred to said committee.

On motion, the resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Dix were adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Marks, of Mississippi, it was

Resolved, That the House of Deputies hereby expresses its appreciation of the courtesy extended to its members by the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, in throwing open the doors of their Institution to the Convention, on last Saturday night, and that the sincere thanks of this House be returned for the very pleasant evening thus afforded it.

Mr. Andrews, of Southern Ohio, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons : —

Resolved, That the following be added to Section i, Canon 22, Title I of the Digest, page 86 : —

Provided, however, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of a Minister, in extraordinary services, and services in unusual places where congregations are unaccustomed to the worship of this Church, to use, at his discretion, any form of devotion taken from the Book of Common Prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report : —

REPORT No. 5.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the resolution of the Rev. Mr. Girault, proposing an amendment of Article 9 of the Constitution, by adding to it the words, —

"Provided, that any amendment germane to the subject matter of the proposed alterations may be considered and acted upon at the time of the final action of the Convention," respectfully report that, in their opinion, the proposed amendment would be contrary to and destructive of the object for which the article was created, and contrary to the usage of all previous Conventions. It is the design of the ninth Article to forbid any changes or amendments other than such as have been made known to the Diocesan Conventions in the intervals between the sessions of this body.

They offer the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from the consideration of the proposed amendments.

CHARLES H. HALL.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
J. B. HOWE.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.
E. T. WILDER.
HAMILTON FISH.
CORTLANDT PARKER.
EDWARD McCRADY.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Livermore, of Minnesota, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar :—

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the House of Deputies, the Book of Common Prayer, without alteration, may safely be trusted to the discretion of the Clergy, as sufficient for all the occasions of Public Worship.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar :—

REPORT No. 11.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution in regard to the use of the services of the Church separately (Journal of 1874, p. 204), respectfully report that in their opinion a slight change of phraseology may be desirable in order to make the meaning more explicit, and they recommend the re adoption of the resolution in the following form :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That it is the sense of this Convention that nothing in the present order of Common Prayer prohibits the separation, when desirable, of the Morning Prayer, the Litany, and the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper into distinct services, and that any one of the said services may be so used separately, although neither of the other services be used during the same day : *provided*, that when used together, they be used in the same order as that in which they have commonly been used, and in which they stand in the Book of Common Prayer.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to inquire whether, first, there exists any conflict between the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution and Title I, Canon 15, Section xiv, p. 73 ; and second, how far the interpretation of the Constitution by the said Canon opens the door to other appointments of services.

The Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Vermont, presented a memorial of the late Mr. Isaac H. Redfield, of that Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Clergymen.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Prayer Book be instructed to consider the expediency of increasing the number of "Thanksgivings upon several occasions," by the addition of a form of thanksgiving for deliverance from great peril and danger.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution be instructed to inquire and report to the House whether Article 3 of the Constitution cannot be advantageously recast, with a view, (1) to removing the implication in its twelfth line that the House of Bishops is not a part of the General Convention ; (2) to preventing embarrassment in future from that provision of the Article which erects every Act of the House of Deputies into a law, that fails to command, within three days of its passage, a response from the other House ; and (3) to making more conformable the substance of the Article to the dignity of the House of Bishops, its enlarged condition, and its long-established existence as a permanent part in the organization of the Convention and a co-ordinate power in its legislative functions.

And should the said Committee come to the conclusion that Article 3 can be so recast, they be still further instructed to report the said Article in such form and shape as will meet the requirements of the case.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Prayer Book, relating to binding the Hymnal with the Prayer Book. (For the Report, see sixth day's proceedings.)

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops : —

MESSAGE NO. 19.

BOSTON, MASS., 10th day of the Session,
October 13, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House does not concur in the action of the House of Deputies, communicated in Message No. 14, touching a reference to the Committee on the Lectionary of certain changes in the Calendar of Lessons; for the reason that such action is premature in the present condition of the general question of amending the Lectionary in the two Houses.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 11th day of the Session,
October 15, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 20.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That, in view of the action of the General Convention of 1874, and to prevent any injurious results to publishers of the Hymnal, the consideration of the request of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society (for permission to bind up the Hymnal with the Prayer Book) be postponed until the next Triennial Convention.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Order of the Day, to wit, Report No. 2 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, relating to the amendment of Article 8 of the Constitution. (For the Report, see fifth day's proceedings.)

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, the Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report : —

REPORT NO. 12.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a proposed amendment of Section i, Canon 12, Title II (p. 120), the effect of which, if adopted, would be to forbid any Minister to register a communicant removing into his parish without a letter commendatory from his former parish, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to adopt the proposed amendment to Section i of Canon 12 of Title II.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the same Committee, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar : —

REPORT No. 13.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 13 from the House of Bishops, proposing an amendment of Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II (p. 120), relating to the Restoration of Deposed Ministers, respectfully report that they have considered the whole subject, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment proposed by them in their Message No. 13, to Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II, relating to the Restoration of Deposed Ministers, with the amendment that the said section shall read as follows : —

§ ii. A Bishop of this Church may, for reasons which he shall deem sufficient, remit and terminate any sentence of deposition or degradation pronounced by him upon a Presbyter or Deacon ; but he shall exercise this power only upon the following conditions : —

First, That he shall act with the unanimous advice and consent of his Standing Committee.

Second, That he shall first submit his proposed action, with his reasons therefor, to the judgment of five of the Bishops of this Church, whose Dioceses or Missionary Jurisdictions are nearest to his own, and shall receive in writing, from at least four of said Bishops, their approval of the said remission and their consent thereto.

Third, That before remitting such sentence he shall require the person to be restored to the Ministry to subscribe the declaration set forth in Article 7 of the Constitution.

Fourth, That in case such person was deposed for abandoning the Communion of this Church, or having been deposed by reason of his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, or for other cause, he have also abandoned its Communion, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be satisfied that such person has lived in Lay Communion with this Church for three years next preceding his application for such remission ; and

Fifth, That in case the person applying for such remission shall reside out of the Diocese or Missionary District in which he was deposed, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be furnished with written evidence of the approval of such application by the Bishop of the Diocese or District in which such person resides.

And that Section ii of Canon 6 of Title II is hereby amended so as to read as follows : —

§ ii. And if such declaration be not made within six months, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to depose said Minister from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or more Presbyters, that he has been so deposed : *provided*, nevertheless, that if the Minister so renouncing shall transmit to the Bishop receiving the certificate a retraction of the acts or declarations constituting his offence, the Bishop may, at his discretion, abstain from any further proceedings.

By order of the Committee,
ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the same committee, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar : —

REPORT No. 14.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of the meaning of the words, "agreeably to the Rubric," in Section ii of Canon 12 of Title II (p. 120), respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That it is unnecessary for this House to set forth any explanation of the Rubric relating to the repelling of persons from the Holy Communion.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the same committee, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 15.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a memorial from the Free Church Association, "urging upon the General Convention the propriety and importance of enacting a Canon, amending an existing Canon, to forbid the Consecration of Churches in which pews or permanent sittings are sold," respectfully report that they have considered the same, and while desiring to discourage private property in pews in churches, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to take any action upon the subject of forbidding the Consecration of Churches in which pews or permanent sittings are sold.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the same committee, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 16.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of so amending Canon XVI, Title I, as expressly to require the Lists of the Clergy to be printed in every Journal of the General Convention, respectfully report:—

Until the year 1874, when an effort was made to reduce the size and expense of the Journal, the Clergy Lists were uniformly printed. Until 1871 it was the practice, when any ecclesiastical authority omitted to comply with the Canon requiring such lists to be delivered to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, to supply the omissions from the Diocesan Journals of Convention; but this practice was found to be inconvenient, because these Journals being published at various times of the year, the names of some Clergymen who had removed from one Diocese to another would appear in both of them, and some in neither. Accordingly, in the Journal of 1871, those lists only were printed which had been handed in by the ecclesiastical authorities of the Dioceses; and as to the remainder—nearly half of the whole number—it was stated that no such lists had been received. It seems to your committee that it is desirable to print official lists of the Clergy every three years; and they hope that the Bishops, having their attention called to the provisions of the Canon, will hereafter furnish the required official returns. Unless this be generally done the publication of those which are sent in is of little value.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section i of Canon 16 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

§ i. The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall keep a Register of all the Clergy of the Church, whose names shall be delivered to him in the following manner, that is to say: Every Bishop of this Church, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, shall at the time of every General Convention deliver, or cause to be delivered to the said Secretary, a list of the names of all the Ministers of this Church, in their proper Diocese, annexing

the names of their respective cures, or of their stations in any colleges or other seminaries of learning, or in regard to those who have not any cures or other stations, their places of residence only; and also, with particulars of time and place, of all Ministers belonging to the Diocese who have been ordained to the Diaconate or the Priesthood, or have been deposed, or have died since the preceding General Convention; and the said lists shall be published in the Journals of the General Convention.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Howard, of Western New York, presented a memorial of the late Rev. Duncan C. Mann, of the same Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

The House resumed the consideration of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, relating to amending the Lectionary. (For the Report, see fifth day's proceedings.)

The question recurring on the ratification of the proposed amendment, the House proceeded to vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-five Dioceses represented, — ayes 31, nays 9, divided 5.

Of the Laity there were thirty-nine Dioceses represented, — ayes 23, nays 12; divided 4.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Stringfellow, Banister, and Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.

ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Messrs. Tupper, and Matthews. — *Aye*.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Dr. Ayrault, the Rev. Mr. Lockwood, and the Rev. Dr. McKnight. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen. — *Nay*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Mr. Marple, the Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Messrs. Whitehead, and Leverett. — *Aye*.

EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barber, Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns. — *Aye*.

FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor. — *Aye*.

GEORGIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Rees, Boone, and Foute. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Benedict. — *Nay*.

INDIANA. — The Rev. Messrs. Roberts, and Bradley. — *Aye*.

IOWA. — The Rev. Messrs. McIlwain, Ryan, and Trimble. — *Aye*.

KANSAS. — The Rev. Dr. Beatty, and the Rev. Messrs. Cox, and Loring. —

KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Drs. Shipman, Craik, and Perkins, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Aye*.

LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hall, Schenck, and Drowne. — *Aye*.

MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, and Leeds. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Dalrymple. — *Nay*.

MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Drs. Worthington, and Harris, and the Rev. Mr. Lane. — *Aye*.

- MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Messrs. Livermore, and Whipple. — *Aye*.
MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Messrs. Marks, and Pickett. — *Aye*.
MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, the Rev. Messrs. Scheetz, and Dunlop, and the Rev. Dr. Ingraham. — *Aye*.
NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Messrs. Goodale, and Pater-son. — *Aye*.
NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Drs. Hubbard, and Eames. — *Aye*.
NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Cady, Dix, and Seymour. — *Aye*.
NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Watson, and Buxton. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Huske. — *Nay*.
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, and the Rev. Mr. Smith. — *Aye*.
OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Bronson, and the Rev. Mr. Farr. — *Aye*.
PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. — *Aye*.
RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Greer, and Richards. — *Aye*.
SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Burr, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Aye*.
TEXAS. — The Rev. Mr. Bird. — *Aye*.
WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Bancroft, and Stowe. — *Aye*.
WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, and Howard. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Ingersoll. — *Nay*.
WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, and Fulton. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Adams. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

- ALBANY. — Messrs. Tremain, and Keese. — *Aye*. Mr. Meads. — *Nay*.
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Lamberton, Coppée, Atlee, and Maynard. — *Aye*.
CONNECTICUT. — Messrs. Kingsbury, and Johnson. — *Aye*. Mr. Stark. — *Nay*.
EASTON. — Messrs. Goldsborough, and Walker. — *Aye*.
GEORGIA. — Messrs. Whittle, and Johnson. — *Aye*.
IOWA. — Messrs. Boal, Moor, and White. — *Aye*.
KANSAS. — Mr. Todd. — *Aye*.
KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Stevenson, Cornwall, Robinson, and Churchill. — *Aye*.
LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Pierrepont, and Nicoll. — *Aye*.
MAINE. — Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner. — *Aye*. Mr. Ingalls. — *Nay*.
MARYLAND. — Messrs. Magruder, Brune, Harrison, and Blair. — *Aye*.
MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Winthrop. — *Aye*.
MICHIGAN. — Messrs. Baldwin, and Rogers. — *Aye*.
MISSISSIPPI. — Mr. Butts. — *Aye*.
MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill, and Gen. Simpson. — *Aye*.
NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Mr. Low. — *Aye*.
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Meigs, Parker, and Mills. — *Aye*.
OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*.
PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, and Coffin. — *Aye*.
RHODE ISLAND. — Mr. Goddard. — *Aye*.
SOUTHERN OHIO. — Messrs. Andrews, Horton, and McGuffy. — *Aye*.
WESTERN MICHIGAN. — Mr. Chapin. — *Aye*.
WESTERN NEW YORK. — Messrs. Parshall, Smith, Montgomery, and White. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- ALBANY. — The Rev. Drs. Payne, and Harison. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Pen-nell. — *Aye*.
CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, the Rev. Mr. Knight, and the Rev. Dr. Harwood. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Johnson. — *Aye*.
FLORIDA. — The Rev. Dr. Scott. — *Nay*.

ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, and Leffingwell. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Locke. — *Aye*.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Dr. Thompson, the Rev. Mr. Girault, and the Rev. Dr. Percival. — *Nay*.

MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, and Alger. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Leffingwell. — *Aye*.

SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Dr. Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough, and Johnson. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Pinckney. — *Aye*.

VERMONT. — The Rev. Mr. Putnam, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Atwill. — *Aye*.

VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hanckel, Norton, Minnigerode, and Gibson. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

DELAWARE. — Messrs. Curtis, and Bates. — *Nay*. Mr. Raymond. — *Aye*.

ILLINOIS. — Mr. Judd. — *Nay*.

INDIANA. — Messrs. Dny, and Howe. — *Nay*.

MINNESOTA. — Messrs. Atwater, and Wilder. — *Nay*. Mr. Holbrook. — *Aye*.

NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Parker. — *Nay*.

NEW YORK. — Mr. Fish. — *Nay*.

NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, De Rosset, and W. F. Martin. — *Nay*. Mr. J. G. Martin. — *Aye*.

PITTSBURGH. — Messrs. Shoenberger, and Burgwin. — *Nay*.

SOUTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. McCrady, and Parker. — *Nay*.

TENNESSEE. — Messrs. McNeal, and Cooper. — *Nay*. Mr. Thompson. — *Aye*.

VIRGINIA. — Messrs. Sheffey, and Parker. — *Nay*.

WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Mr. Brooks. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Douglass. — *Nay*.

MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Drs. Burgess, and Vinton. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Huntington, and Lambert. — *Nay*.

NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Dr. Hills. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Garrison. — *Nay*.

PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Mr. Alsop. — *Aye*. The Rev. Messrs. Mills, and Smith. — *Nay*.

TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Mr. Fitts. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. White. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

ALABAMA. — Mr. Clark. — *Aye*. Mr. Nelson. — *Nay*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*. Mr. Clark. — *Nay*.

LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur. — *Aye*. Mr. Race. — *Nay*.

VERMONT. — Mr. Redfield. — *Aye*. Mr. Clement. — *Nay*.

The amendment was accordingly ratified and adopted by a constitutional majority of all the Dioceses.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar : —

REPORT NO. 6.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom were referred certain memorials and papers looking to "a change in the legal title of the Church," respectfully report : —

The duties of this committee are usually limited to the interpretation of the text, or to the explanation of the effects of amendments on the body of the Constitution. They do not discover any occasion for an exercise of their functions in the subject before them.

Grave doubts are entertained by some as to the results of any change of name, upon the legal right of property in the several Dioceses of this Church, on which they do not feel called upon to pass. The present Constitution of this Church uses the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the committee see no good reason to change the name there used.

But as the memorials have come to them on the reference of this House, with the weight of Diocesan authority, they express their respect for such authority and their duty to this Body by offering the following resolution:—

Resolved, That no change be made in the name of this Church used in the Constitution.

CHARLES H. HALL.
J. F. GARRISON.
WM. R. HUNTINGTON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
E. T. WILDER.
CORTLANDT PARKER.
HAMILTON FISH.
J. B. HOWE.
EDWARD McCRADY.
E. H. BENNETT.
J. W. STEVENSON.

Mr. Meads, of Albany, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar:—

Resolved, That if the Bishops concur, it be referred to a Joint Committee of seven members on the part of the House of Bishops, and of seven Clerical and seven Lay Deputies on the part of this House, to prepare and report to this Convention as soon as may be practicable, and not later than at its next session, a revised Table of Lessons; and that such committee have leave to sit during the interval between this and the next General Convention, and that such committee be authorized to receive and consider such suggestions in relation to such Table of Lessons as may be made to it; and further that it cause any revised Table of Lessons it may be prepared to report to be printed and circulated for the information of the Church previous to the meeting of the next Convention; *provided*, that nothing contained herein shall prevent the action of this House upon the subject of a Table of Lessons for Lent.

The Rev. Dr. DeKoven, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Lectionary lately put out by the Church of England be permitted to be used in this Church until the next General Convention.

On motion, the House adjourned.

TWELFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, October 16, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Fitts, of Tennessee, and the Rev. Dr. Ingersoll, of Western New York.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Southern Ohio.

The Minutes of the eleventh day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 5.

The Committee on Elections respectfully report:—

That leave of absence for the remainder of the session has been granted to the following Lay members of this House:—

Messrs. R. M. Nelson, of the Diocese of Alabama; G. Pomeroy Keese, of the Diocese of Albany; Charles C. Trowbridge, of the Diocese of Michigan; Theodore Richmond, of the Diocese of Tennessee; A. H. Belo, of the Diocese of Texas; and William L. Foster, of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

The committee would further report that due evidence has been received of the appointment of the Rev. G. J. Magill, of the Diocese of Rhode Island, to the place made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Charles H. Wheeler, and also of the appointment of Mr. William Heywood, of the Diocese of New Hampshire, to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. W. L. Foster.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Parker, from the Special Joint Committee on the resolutions of Mr. Welsh, referred to said committee on the third day of the session, presented a Report. (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings of the House of Bishops.)

The following resolutions, accompanying said Report, were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That the two Houses of this General Convention do most earnestly entreat their brethren of the Clergy and Laity diligently to inculcate, and themselves to act upon the facts and suggestions of the foregoing Report; and in order to accomplish more effectually the purposes therein proposed, the parochial Clergy are requested to select and appoint from their respective cures, with the consent of their several Bishops, fit and proper persons specially adapted to act as catechists and teachers.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the parish Clergy and to the parochial authorities associated with them, to consider earnestly whether existing church buildings cannot be used to a greater extent than they now are for the benefit and blessing of the people, and be thrown open at hours when not occupied by the regular congregations to all those who will come in for the worship of God and the hearing of His Word.

3. *Resolved*, That the usual number of copies of the foregoing Report and resolutions be printed for the use of the Convention.

4. *Resolved*, That the committee be allowed to sit again.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 7.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the resolution of Rev. Mr. Tupper, of Arkansas, concerning granting to delegates from Missionary Jurisdictions the right to vote as well as to sit in the House of

Deputies, have considered the subject so referred to them, and respectfully present the following Report:—

The matter of admitting delegates from Missionary Jurisdictions to the floor of this House, without a right to vote, came up at the session of 1871, upon a memorial presented by the Missionary Jurisdiction of Dakota. That memorial was referred to the Committee on Canons, who reported a Canon intended to provide for the admission of such delegates, but without giving them a vote. A minority of the committee, however, reported against such admission on the ground of its unconstitutionality. After a long debate, a substitute was offered by Mr. McCrady, of South Carolina, in the form of a standing order, admitting one Clerical and one Lay delegate from each Missionary Jurisdiction to a seat upon the floor, with the "privilege of speaking on any question directly or specifically affecting their respective jurisdiction and no other, upon motion of any member of this House." That substitute was adopted, and so the matter stands now.

The giving to such delegates a right to vote in this body, however, is an entirely different matter. Such enfranchisement was never contemplated by the friends of the measure to which reference has just been made. In order to do this it would be necessary to amend the Constitution, and such amendment would introduce an entirely new element into the organization of this House. By the Constitution it is provided that this House shall be composed of not more than four Clerical and four Lay Deputies from each Diocese, to be chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof. The constituent body recognized here is the Diocese acting through its Convention, and no such constituent body exists in the case of a Missionary Jurisdiction. The Church is not so organized in such Jurisdiction as to come within the contemplation of this provision; and to admit such delegates to the right to vote in this House, would be to receive Deputies from organizations whose existence the Constitution does not recognize, and which themselves have never acceded to the Constitution.

Concerning the expediency of so amending the Constitution as to render the admission of such delegates to a vote in this House possible, the committee fail to see any good reason for such a change. If Missionary Jurisdictions desire a vote in this House, they have but to organize into Dioceses, accede to the Constitution, and apply for admission into union with the General Convention; and the time is surely not very distant when all such Jurisdictions will become Dioceses, and as such have full representation on this floor.

The committee therefore respectfully report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to take any action in this matter, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

CHAS. H. HALL.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
J. F. GARRISON.
W. R. HUNTINGTON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
HAMILTON FISH.
J. W. STEVENSON.
J. B. HOWE.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.
E. T. WILDER.
EDWARD McCRADY.

In accordance with their request, the committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. McCrady, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT NO. 8.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the resolution of Dr. Farrington, requiring the committee to consider and report

as soon as possible, whether any proposed alteration of the Constitution is adopted which has not received the concurrent vote of the Clerical Deputation and the Lay Deputation in a majority of the Dioceses which have adopted the Constitution,

Respectfully report, that they have considered the said resolution, and are of opinion that a vote taken by Orders is a compliance with the requirements of the ninth Article of the Constitution, interpreted in the light of the second Article of the same. The words suggesting the doubt are supposed to be "in a majority of the Dioceses which may have adopted the same," that is, the Constitution. The same words are found in the first Article of the Constitution, fixing the business quorums of our Conventions, thus: "and this Church, in a majority of the Dioceses which shall have adopted this Constitution, shall be represented before they proceed to business." The second Article of the Constitution then prescribes the number of Deputies to which each Diocese shall be entitled, and the manner of voting, in the following clause:—

"The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and the Laity. Such representation shall consist of not more than four Clergymen and four Laymen, communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof; and in all questions when required by the Clerical or Lay representatives from any Diocese, each Order shall have one vote; and the majority of suffrages by Dioceses shall be conclusive in each Order, provided such majority comprehends a majority of the Dioceses represented in that Order; the concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention.

"If the Convention of any Diocese shall neglect or decline to appoint" Clerical or Lay Deputies, or if any of those of either Order "should neglect or be prevented from attending, such Diocese shall nevertheless be considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may attend, whether Lay or Clerical."

The terms employed in the ninth Article must be construed so as to conform with the clear meaning of the first two Articles. When all three, the first, second, and ninth Articles are collated, it seems impossible to resist the conclusion that the manner of voting and the determination of the result of the votes by the majority of the suffrages of the Dioceses must apply to the manner of taking the vote and determining the result under the provisions of the ninth Article. There is but this one method of voting for such a purpose provided in the Constitution.

It is said the Diocese is a unit, and therefore both Orders in each representation must concur to cast a vote for an alteration of the Constitution. If the Diocese be the unit, how can the representatives of both Clergy and Laity undertake to pronounce for it without the Bishop? Surely it must take the head as well as the body to make up this unit. The "Constitution is unalterable unless in General Convention" is the provision; and the General Convention is composed of two Houses, the House of Bishops as well as this House, and such a construction would require these two Houses to meet together to vote for such a purpose. Our whole history tells us that this never has been done, although many alterations of the Constitution have been made since the adoption of the ninth Article. The manner of taking the vote of this House on such occasions (except, perhaps, with great unanimity of opinion, the House has taken the vote by acclamation) has been in conformity with the direction of the second Article. This usage, from the very adoption of the ninth Article to this present time, is contemporaneous exposition, and should not now be questioned. In all that time, there never has been any rule or order of this House, other than that, for ascertaining how the question of adoption or rejection of proposed amendments was to be determined. This doubt probably springs from ecclesiastical ideas of a Diocese, and the use of that word and Diocesan in this ninth Article; and it may as well be said that these words were not originally in this ninth Article, but were substituted for the word "State," a word not ecclesiastical. And further, that this whole Article stands in place of one in our original Constitution which allowed each "State" (not Diocese) but one vote in this House, and that was only to be given upon the concurrence of both Orders representing the Church in each State. The change

seems to have been intended to change the mode of voting and determining questions of all kinds.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the proper manner of voting and determining questions upon alterations of the Constitution is that presented in the second Article for a vote by Orders, but the votes in the affirmative must be a majority of the number of the Dioceses which have adopted our Constitution in each Order, and the concurrence of both Orders in each Diocese cannot be required.

CHARLES H. HALL.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
W. R. HUNTINGTON.
J. F. GARRISON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
J. W. STEVENSON.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.
J. B. HOWE.
E. T. WILDER.
EDWARD McCRADY.
CORTLANDT PARKER.
HAMILTON FISH.

Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Expenses:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Expenses be requested to inquire into the expediency of holding the future sessions of the General Convention permanently in the city of New York; and of inquiring into the propriety of requiring each Diocese to pay the expenses of its own deputation.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution be requested to inquire as to the effect of the defeat of the amendment to the Constitution relative to Missionary Jurisdictions upon the legal and ecclesiastical status of the Missionary Jurisdictions of Northern California, and Northern and Western Texas, and report to this Convention what legislation, if any, in reference thereto, will be necessary and proper.

The Rev. Mr. McCollough, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following be proposed as additional Rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer, and made known to the several Dioceses, according to the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution:—

1. (To be inserted at the end of the Order for "Daily Morning Prayer.")

On other days than Sundays, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension Day, it shall be lawful to use a portion of the above order, to wit, The General Confession, Declaration of Absolution, Lord's Prayer and Versicles following, one or more of the Psalms of the Day, one of the appointed Lessons, the *Te Deum*, or *Jubilate* or *Benedictus*, the Apostles' or Nicene Creed, Collect for the Day, Collects for Peace and for Grace, Prayer of St. Chrysostom, Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

2. And at the end of the Order for Evening Prayer, a Rubric in the same words, with the substitution of *Cantate*, *Bonum est*, or *Deus misereatur*, for *Te Deum*, *Jubilate*, and *Benedictus*, and of Collect for *Aid against Perils* for Collect for *Grace*.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops, and referred to the Committee on Canons : —

BOSTON, MASS., 11th day of the Session,
October 15, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 21.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following Canon be enacted, to be entitled

OF DEACONESSSES, OR SISTERS.

§ i. Women of devout character and proved fitness may be set apart by any Bishop of this Church for the work of a Deaconess or Sister, according to such forms as shall be authorized by the House of Bishops.

§ ii. The duties proper to a Deaconess or Sister are declared to be the care of our Lord's poor and sick, the education of the young, the religious instruction of the neglected, and the work of moral reformation.

§ iii. No woman shall be set apart to the work of a Deaconess or Sister until she be twenty-five (25) years of age, unless the Bishop, for special reasons, shall determine otherwise, but in no case shall the age be less than twenty-one (21) years : it being further provided that no woman shall be so set apart until she shall have laid before the Bishop testimonials certifying (a) that she is a communicant of this Church in good standing ; (b) that she possesses such characteristics as, in the judgment of the persons testifying, fit her for at least one of the branches of duty above declared. Such testimonials shall be signed by one Presbyter of this Church, and by five Lay Communicants of the same, of whom two shall be men and three women. The Bishop shall also satisfy himself that the applicant has had an adequate preparation for her work, both technical and religious, which preparation shall have covered the period of at least one year.

§ iv. No Deaconess or Sister, by whomsoever set apart, admitted, or received, shall work officially in a Diocese without the express authority in writing of the Bishop of that Diocese ; nor shall she exercise her office among the people of any parish except with the permission and under the oversight of the minister thereof.

§ v. No Deaconess or Sister shall take any vow of perpetual obligation in admission to or connection with her office. The ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese may at any time suspend her from her office, and she may at any time resign the same to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to which she belongs : *provided*, that if she does so resign, she shall not be readmitted unless, in the judgment of the Bishop, such resignation was for weighty cause.

§ vi. A Deaconess or Sister may be transferred from one Diocese to another upon the request of the Bishop of the Diocese to which she is transferred, and shall not be permitted to work officially in any Diocese other than that in which she was originally admitted, without such transfer.

§ vii. The Constitution and Rules for the home government of any Institution for the training of Deaconesses or Sisters, or of any Community in which said Deaconesses are associated, shall have the sanction in writing of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Institution or Community exists.

All books of devotion and instruction and all formularies of worship used in such Institution or Community shall have the like sanction, and shall be in harmony with the usages of this Church and the principles of the Book of Common Prayer.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this Canon be numbered Canon 15 of Title I, and that the remaining Canons of said Title be numbered in accordance therewith.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, asked the recommitment of Report No. 7 of that committee (presented on the eighth day's session) to the said committee.

On motion, the Report was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, of Southern Ohio, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting of five Bishops, five Presbyters, and five Laymen, be appointed to consider and report to the next General Convention what changes, if any, should be made in the Hymnal of this Church.

The Rev. Dr. Garrison, of New Jersey, offered the following amendments to Canons, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Canons : —

Add to Title I, Canon 6, Section iv [1] : —

“Nor within less than one month from his satisfactory passage of all the canonical examinations required for the office of a Deacon.”

Add to Title I, Canon 8, Section iv [1] : —

“Nor within less than one month from his satisfactory passage of all the examinations required for the office of a Presbyter.”

Mr. Gardiner, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book : —

Resolved, That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to select and recommend one or more Collects from the Prayer Book, to be used in the Burial Service, immediately after the Lesson, and also something appropriate for the burial of children.

The Rev. Mr. Livermore, of Minnesota, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table : —

Resolved, That the House of Deputies, believing that the union of Church and State in the present condition of the world is prejudicial to the best interests of religion, hereby expresses its sympathy with the efforts now being made for the severance of that union in England.

Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 9, Title III, with the Constitution of the Board of Missions, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the Committee on Canons, acting with the Committee on Canons of the House of Bishops, report a Canon authorizing and enabling the General Convention to perform all the duties now performed by the Board of Missions.

The Rev. Dr. Brown, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the same committee : —

Resolved, That Canon 9, Title III, be amended by striking out all after the title, so as to read as follows : —

“I. [1.] It shall be the duty of the General Convention, at every triennial meeting, on nomination by a Joint Committee of the two Houses designated for that purpose, to appoint a Board of Missions for the management of the General Missions, Foreign and Domestic, of the Church.

“[2.] All Bishops of this Church, Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, shall be *ex officio* members of said Board.

"[3.] The elective members shall be selected from Presbyters and Laymen of the several organized Dioceses, nominated to the Committee by the Bishop and deputation from each Diocese, in such numerical proportion as shall from time to time be determined.

"II. It shall be the duty of the General Convention, on the third day of its session, to resolve itself into the Missionary Society of the Church, at which time all the members of said Society shall deliberate together upon the General Missions of the Church, and such sessions shall not exceed four days."

The President appointed Mr. Race, of Louisiana, on the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, in place of Mr. Woolworth, not present in the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 9.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom the resolution of the Rev. Dr. Stringfellow was referred, viz., an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution, by substituting "the second Wednesday of September" in place of "the first Wednesday of October," as the Constitution now reads,

Respectfully report that, in their opinion, the change proposed is inexpedient. The committee therefore offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from the consideration of the proposed amendment.

By order of the Committee,

CHARLES H. HALL, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The House proceeded to the Order of the Day, to wit, Report No. 4 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, relating to a Constitutional Commission. (For the Report, see eighth day's proceedings.)

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, on motion of the Rev. Mr. McIlwain, of Iowa, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses be discharged from further consideration of the memorial of the Diocese of Iowa, respecting the proposed erection of a Missionary Jurisdiction in that Diocese, and that said memorial be returned to the Deputies from the said Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 17.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 9 from the House of Bishops proposing an amendment to Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 15 of Title I, relating to the jurisdiction of Missionary Bishops over the Clergy in the district assigned to them, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the said Canon and the proposed amendment, and find no ground of objection to amending the Canon as proposed. It appears desirable to them, however, that a further change in the said clause should be made, so as to remove the present uncertainty as to the selection of the particular code of Canons under

which the clergy referred to in the Canon may be brought to trial. It requires that a selection shall be made, but it does not state by whom it shall be made. It seemed also proper that the words "or Missionary Jurisdiction" should be added, so that the Presbyters to compose a court may be selected from Missionary Jurisdictions as well as from Dioceses.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the proposed amendment of Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 15 of Title I, with the following amendments:—

1. Insert after the word "*selected*" the words "*by the said Missionary Bishop.*"

2. Insert after the words "*Presbyters of any Diocese,*" the words "*or Missionary Jurisdiction.*"

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the same committee, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT NO. 18.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 5 from the House of Bishops, proposing an additional Section to be added to Canon 21 of Title I, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the action proposed by them in their Message No. 5, adding a new Section to Canon 21 of Title I, with the amendment that the said Section read as follows:—

§ ii. Ministers shall also be continually diligent in the inculcation of Christian holiness of life, in such following of the example of our Saviour CHRIST as shall exhibit to the world, in the membership of the Church, a peculiar people, called out to be separate from all vain pomps and glories, covetous desires, fraudulent dealings, and corrupting associations, and frivolities, imperilling spirituality of life; exhorting them to the maintenance of family worship and the due observance of the Lord's Day, and calling upon parents and sponsors to train their children and godchildren, both by precept and example, faithfully to observe their baptismal vows.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman.*

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 22.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 17, from the House of Deputies [relating to a list of the Ministers of this Church], for the reason that such a list in the Journal of the General Convention is not of such importance, and cannot be published with such accuracy, as to justify the necessary expense of such publication.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

MESSAGE NO. 23.

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has appointed the

Bishop of Easton, the Bishop of Delaware, and the Bishop of Pittsburgh as the Joint Committee of Conference, on the part of this House, to nominate a Joint Committee on the Godly Discipline of the Laity.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 24.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Section i of Canon 10 of Title I be amended to read as follows:—

§ i. A Clergyman coming from a foreign country, and professing to have been ordained out of the United States by a foreign Bishop in communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign country by Bishops of this Church under Article 10 of the Constitution, or by a Missionary Bishop elected to exercise Episcopal functions in any place or places out of the United States, shall, before he is permitted to officiate in any Parish or Congregation, exhibit to the Minister, or, if there be no Minister, to the Vestry thereof, a license issued by the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee duly convened, certifying that his letters of Holy Orders are authentic and given by some Bishop in communion with this Church, and whose authority is acknowledged by this Church; and also that, having exhibited to the Bishop or Standing Committee satisfactory evidence of his pious and moral character and of his theological acquirements, he is permitted to officiate in the Diocese aforesaid. But in any case, before he shall be permitted to settle in any Church or Parish, or be received into union with any Diocese of this Church as a Minister thereof, he shall produce to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee thereof, a letter of dismission from under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese he has been last connected, which letter shall be in substance that provided for in Section vii of Canon 12 of this Title, and shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof; and when such Clergyman shall have been so received, he shall be considered as having passed entirely from the jurisdiction of the Bishop from whom the letter of dismission was brought, to the full jurisdiction of the Bishop or other ecclesiastical authority by whom it shall have been accepted, and become thereby subject to all the canonical provisions of this Church: *provided*, that no such Clergyman shall be so received into union with any Diocese until he shall have subscribed, in the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese in which he applies for reception, and of two or more Presbyters, the declaration contained in Article 7 of the Constitution; which being done, said Bishop or Standing Committee, being satisfied of his theological acquirements, may receive him into union with the Church as a Minister of the same: *provided, also*, that such Minister shall not be entitled to settle in any Parish or Church, as canonically in charge of the same, until he shall have resided one year in the United States subsequent to the acceptance of his letter of dismission.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 25.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III be amended to read as follows:—

[11.] No Clergyman shall be allowed to take charge of such congregation until he shall have been nominated by the Bishop in charge, and approved by the Vestry of said Congregation if there be one, and if there be no such Vestry, by the Standing Committee provided for by this Canon; and when such appointment shall have been accepted by the Clergyman so appointed, he shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bishop in charge.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 26.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [3] of Canon 2 of Title II be amended to read as follows : —

[3.] Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention, or knowingly aiding or abetting, in public ministrations in the Church, persons canonically inhibited from such ministrations.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, Messages 24, 25, and 26 were referred to the Committee on Canons.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the subject before it at the hour of recess, to wit, Report No. 4, of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution. (For the Report, see eighth day's proceedings.)

The question recurring on the resolution accompanying said Report, it was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. DeKoven, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a committee be appointed, to consist of three Bishops, three Presbyters, and three Laymen, to consider and report to the next General Convention what amendments may be necessary in the Constitution to remove apparent ambiguities, as well as to provide for the proportionate representation of Clergy and Laity, the adaptation of Provinces to our peculiar American State system, and the setting forth our true relation to the Anglican Communion as well as to the whole Catholic Church.

Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, offered the following as an amendment to the Rev. Dr. DeKoven's resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting of five Bishops, five Presbyters, and five Laymen be chosen, whose duty it shall be to inquire and report to the next General Convention what changes, if any, they think needful to be made in the Constitution in order to remove ambiguities or contradictions actual or apparent.

Such committee may suggest and recommend separate and distinct amendments or additions to the several Articles of the Constitution as they now stand ; but it is not hereby implied or intended that they shall remodel the present, or report a new Constitution.

On motion, the House adjourned.

THIRTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Gibson, of Virginia, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Conover, of Western Michigan.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Assistant Bishop of North Carolina.

The Minutes of the twelfth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report : —

REPORT No. 6.

The Committee on Elections begs leave to report : —

That satisfactory evidence has been received of the election of Mr. George R. Fairbanks as a Lay Deputy to this Convention from the Diocese of Tennessee, and of his canonical appointment to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Theodore Richmond.

The committee would further report that leave of absence has been granted for a few days to the Rev. Theodore M. Bishop, D.D., of the Diocese of Western New York, and for the remainder of the session to the following Lay Deputies: Messrs. Julian Metcalf, of the Diocese of Nebraska; William H. Parker, of the Diocese of South Carolina; Peter R. L. Pierce, of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

In accordance with the foregoing Report, Mr. Fairbanks appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar : —

REPORT No. 10.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Adams and others as to the expediency of reducing the number of Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Diocese, respectfully report that such amendment to the second Article of the Constitution would be inexpedient at this time, and offer the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES H. HALL.
J. F. GARRISON.
W. R. HUNTINGTON.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
J. W. STEVENSON.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.
E. T. WILDER.
J. B. HOWE.
G. W. RACE.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar : —

REPORT No. 11.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred the subject of the representation of Dioceses in proportion to the number of communicants therein, respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that any change in the principle of representation at this time is inexpedient. The intention of the framers of the Constitution was

to make the Clerical representation of a Diocese a unit in its vote, and independent entirely of the vote of its Lay deputation, and the Lay representation of a Diocese a unit in its vote, independent entirely of the vote of its Clerical deputation, a majority of units in each Order among Dioceses actually represented being required to carry any measure before the House of Deputies. Hence it follows that the framers of the Constitution considered each Diocese subject to the rights of each Order, as distinguished from the other, to be entitled to the same weight, because entitled to the same vote. It may or it may not be true that the idea of Diocesan equality originated in the equality of the members of the House of Bishops. If it originated in this manner, it may be said that the analogy was obvious and just; if not, then it may be said with great force that, independently of all analogy, the framers of the Constitution intended to establish the principle of Diocesan equality as the foundation upon which the Church in the United States was to be built; upon that foundation it has been built. Doubtless the foundation might be changed, and if discovered to be a dangerous one in the future, the conservative sentiment which has always prevailed, and which, it is to be hoped, will always prevail, will require a change; for true conservatism is the spirit of preservation and not of destruction.

If such a change should ever become necessary, opinion on the subject will soon take a practical form, and change will be the result. To anticipate such a change is not regarded by your committee as a duty imposed upon them. Respectfully submitted, etc.

Your committee therefore propose the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES H. HALL.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
J. F. GARRISON.
WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.
J. W. STEVENSON.
E. T. WILDER.
G. W. RACE.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution was discharged from further consideration of the resolution offered by him yesterday, and at that time referred to said committee.

The Rev. Dr. Adams, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 4.

The Committee on the Prayer Book having been “instructed to consider the expediency of increasing the number of occasional Thanksgivings upon several occasions, by the addition of a form of Thanksgiving for deliverance from great peril and danger,” report adversely to the proposition, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The resolution referred to the committee “to inquire into the expediency of inserting the substance of Canon 13, Title II, as a Rubric before the Form of Solemnization of Matrimony,” involves an important change, introducing a new principle into our legislation which it is deemed inadvisable to make, and from the further consideration of which the committee would also ask to be discharged.

In behalf of the Committee,

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Chairman*.

In accordance with their request, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Rev. Dr. Coit, from the Committee on Christian Education, presented the following Report:—

The Committee of the two Houses on Christian Education, sitting as a Joint Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the "Trustees of the Church School for Girls," asks leave respectfully to report:—

It appears from authentic documents laid before us, that the petitioners represent a school, incorporated in the District of Columbia, to be conducted under the auspices of the Convocation of Washington, and having the approval of the Diocesan authorities.

The Constitution of the school provides that of the thirteen Trustees, five may be elected triennially by the General Convention. They may be otherwise appointed should the General Convention decline or neglect to appoint.

It is the opinion of the committee that, if the Convention accedes to this request, it will establish a precedent which will be prolific of trouble.

By appointing Trustees for one school and another of a Diocesan or parochial character, the General Convention will greatly increase its routine business. Such appointment will be in some sort an indorsement of the school in question. Hence there may arise the embarrassing necessity of discriminating among schools which ask official indorsement.

While the proposed school commends itself to the sympathy and hearty approval of the committee, they think that the petition cannot be granted, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HENRY C. LAY,
HENRY A. COIT,

In behalf of the Joint Committee.

In accordance with their request, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Rev. Dr. Cady, from the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, presented a Report containing the names of persons nominated by the Dioceses as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, for the next three years.

On motion, the persons named in said Report were elected as Trustees.

(For List of Trustees, see Appendix II.)

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Cady, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the Triennial Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, presented to the House on the third day of the session, and at that time referred to the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Joint Committee appointed at the last General Convention, on the "Godly Discipline of Communicants," presented a Report, which was placed on the Calendar. (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings of the House of Bishops.)

The Rev. Mr. Putnam, of Vermont, presented a memorial of the late Hon. H. B. Smith, of that Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Rudder, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee of both Houses, consisting of three Bishops, and three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, be appointed to consider and report to the next General Convention what are the several functions of Rectors and of Wardens and Vestrymen in the control and administration of Parishes, ascertaining the rights and authority of each in the premises according to the principles and laws of the Church, and reporting to the next General Convention what, in their opinion, is the best method of making those principles and laws of effect.

The Rev. Dr. Fulton, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was made the Order of the Day for Saturday next, at twelve o'clock, to continue the Order of the Day until disposed of:—

REPORT NO. 19.

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred the memorial of the Diocese of Minnesota on the subject of Federate Councils or Conventions, and the amendment to Canon 8 of Title III, proposed by Mr. J. G. Martin, beg respectfully to report as follows:—

In the opinion of the committee, it would be inexpedient for this Convention, by Canon or otherwise, to attempt at this time to establish any artificial system of Provinces or Federation of Dioceses for any purposes whatever; but on the other hand, the committee are equally of the opinion that nothing in the Constitution or Canons of the Church forbids the voluntary association of contiguous Dioceses for many purposes which may be found by them to be necessary or expedient. To some considerable extent this has been already done, with great advantage to the Church, especially in the matter of education. In the Southern States, for example, ten Dioceses have united in the support and government of the University of the South; in the Northwest, ten Dioceses have in a similar way united for educational purposes; and in other regions of the country there are Colleges, Seminaries, and other institutions under the united control of two or more Dioceses. For other purposes than those of education there have been indications of a growing conviction of the necessity of mutual conference and possibly of organized co-operation among contiguous Dioceses, to whom in the Providence of God some peculiar part of His work has been committed. Thus the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the South, to whom the spiritual care of the freedmen is a constant and heavy charge, have agreed upon a conference on various subjects connected with their position and its peculiar duties. In like manner a conference of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the northern part of the Mississippi valley has been agreed upon, at which practical questions concerning their peculiar missionary field are to be considered. In these and such like indications of the drawing together of our Dioceses for the more efficient prosecution of the work of Christ, the Committee on Canons can see no cause of apprehension, but rather of devout thankfulness to Almighty God, and of strong hope for the early future of the Church; and if experience shall prove that even closer unions among contiguous Dioceses would tend to promote the more efficient working of the Church within their borders, the committee can see no good reason why such unions should be forbidden or discountenanced.

There seem to be specially good reasons why the Church, in a great State or commonwealth, should in some way retain a visible unity, when divided into several Dioceses. In the opinion of the committee it is something more than a mere sentiment which shrinks from the dismemberment of a Diocese, and particularly from the dismemberment of a historical Diocese, such, for example, as New York or Virginia. Necessary as such divisions have been and will again be, still something may be lost by them. Old connections are sundered, sacred associations are broken, the power of visible unity is weakened, and too often division is followed by the clash of conflicting interests. If the Dioceses in any State can

obviate these disadvantages without detriment to their Diocesan rights or interests, and without encroaching on the prerogatives of the General Convention, the Committee on Canons are of the opinion that they should by all means be encouraged so to do.

Again, it appears desirable that all the Dioceses in any State should have some regular means of consultation on their common interests, so far at least as these may be affected by the acts of the civil legislature. The tenure and taxation of Church property, for example, and the duties and obligations of the Clergy in celebrating marriages, are matters which might at any moment be seriously or even disastrously affected by an act of the legislature; and in such a case, the united representations of the whole Church, in a great commonwealth, might be expected to have greater weight than the separate action of smaller bodies.

Again, there is a serious inconvenience which might possibly be obviated by the voluntary action of contiguous Dioceses. At present there is an endless variety in our codes of Diocesan Canons. Indeed, in our newer Dioceses hardly any two codes are alike, and some of them, naturally enough, are exceedingly crude and ill digested. If several Dioceses were voluntarily to unite in compiling a code of Canons on subjects not strictly local in their application, such code to be subsequently ratified by their several Conventions, uniformity would certainly be promoted; and it is probable that the Canons of many Dioceses would be greatly improved. The experiment is now being made in the Dioceses of Wisconsin and Fond du Lac.

Still further, there is grave reason to doubt whether one of the most serious defects in our whole system can ever be safely removed, unless by the voluntary co-operation of contiguous Dioceses. At present we have no courts of appeal in causes ecclesiastical; and it has been seriously questioned whether any such court can properly be erected which shall be superior in authority to the present Diocesan Courts, otherwise than by the consent of the Dioceses themselves; but if several contiguous Dioceses were voluntarily to agree, and to insert in their Diocesan Constitutions some such provision as this, that an appeal from the sentence of a Diocesan Court might be laid before the Bishops of the Dioceses so agreeing, together with an equal number of assessors to be canonically appointed, the present grave defect of our judicial system would be thus far measurably removed without violence either to the existing rights of Dioceses, or to the authority of the General Convention which has left this whole matter to the discretion of the Dioceses.

The memorial of the Diocese of Minnesota, to which the Committee on Canons has given serious and respectful consideration, seems only to desire a declaration that Federations of Dioceses are lawful within the boundaries of a single State or commonwealth, and our present Canon (Canon 8 of Title III, p. 137 of the Digest) declares thus much and no more. But if the Dioceses in a single State or commonwealth have the right, as this Canon declares, "to establish for themselves a Federate Convention or Council, representing such Dioceses, which may deliberate and decide upon the common interests of the Church within the limits aforesaid," the committee are unable to see why the Dioceses in two or more contiguous States have not an equal right to establish a similar Federate Convention for themselves. Why, for example, should not the six Dioceses of New England form a Federate Council or Convention, if they think it necessary or expedient, as well as the five Dioceses in the single State of New York? The committee are of opinion that the present Canon should be so modified as to recognize the right of Dioceses, in contiguous States, to form a Federate Council, if they desire to do so, as well as those which lie within the boundaries of single States.

The committee are also of opinion that the second clause of our present Canon should be repealed, which provides that "Before any determinate action of a Federate Convention or Council shall be had, the powers proposed to be exercised thereby shall be submitted to this Convention for its approval." One principal objection to this provision is that it might possibly, and even probably, overload the General Convention with a large amount of unnecessary work in the revision of the Constitutions of Federate Conventions; and that, through mere inadvertence, the General Convention might be led into a formal approval of the assump-

tion of powers by some Federate Council, which might be inconsistent with the rightful prerogatives of the General Convention itself. To the committee it seems, on the whole, to be better to insert in the Canon, a declaration that any action of a Federate Council, which shall be, or become, inconsistent with the Constitution or any Canon of the General Convention, shall be null and void. Thus the General Convention will explicitly retain its sovereign power over Federate Councils in every department of their work. The Dioceses voluntarily adhering to such Federate Councils, in the opinion of the committee, may safely be trusted to guard and protect their own Diocesan rights.

Entertaining the views above expressed, the committee are not prepared to recommend the adoption of the Canon proposed by the Diocese of Minnesota, nor any other changes in our present Canon than have been explained in this Report. They therefore propose the following resolution for the consideration of the Convention :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 8 of Title III of the Digest be amended so as to read as follows :—

CANON 8.—OF FEDERATE COUNCILS.

It is hereby declared lawful for the Dioceses now existing or hereafter to exist, within the limits of any State, or within the limits of two or more contiguous States, to establish for themselves a Federate Council, or Convention, representing such Dioceses, which may deliberate and decide upon the common interests of the Church within the limits aforesaid. *Provided*, That no action of such Federate Council shall be valid which shall be, or by subsequent legislation shall become inconsistent with the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention ; and *provided*, also, that no general Rules or Regulations passed by any Federate Council or Convention shall be of force in any Diocese adhering thereto, unless previously specifically authorized or subsequently ratified by such Diocese.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, presented an invitation from the Trustees of the “ Old South Church ” to visit that church next Saturday evening.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the House.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the recess on Friday begin at 12 m., and that the House resume its session at 9.30 A. M. on Saturday and continue sitting until 2 P. M., unless earlier adjourning.

The Rev. Dr. Chase, of Illinois, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :—

WHEREAS, There exists on the part of this Church an earnest desire for an authoritative recognition of the Provincial System ; and

WHEREAS, In the effort to develop the idea and introduce this form of policy into the Church in America, there have existed two distinct schemes, viz.,

a. The one consisting simply in the federation of several independent and autocephalous Dioceses.

b. The other recognizing as Provinces all such Dioceses as may be coterminous with the boundaries of States ; and which looks for the increase of their Episcopates in the introduction of the See-system ; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that all such Dioceses as are bounded by State lines are normally Provinces, and may be safely intrusted with proper provincial powers, subject, however, in the matter of the extension of their Episcopates by the

erection of new Sees, to the approval and sanction of the General Convention; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that the prohibition of Suffragan Bishops contained in Section v, Canon 15, Title I, confuses the idea and is obstructive of the Provincial System, and prevents such Dioceses from retaining in provincial relation all such interests, whether missionary, educational, or eleemosynary, as are common to their respective jurisdictions, when acting in the extension of their Episcopates by the erection of new Sees; therefore be it

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire into the expediency of repealing the aforesaid prohibition, and making such canonical provision as will enable Dioceses described as above to give the name and style of Provincial or Comprovincial Bishops to all such Bishops who may be elected and consecrated to assigned districts within their respective jurisdictions.

The House proceeded to the Order of the Day, to wit, the Report of the Committee on the Lectionary for Lent. (For the Report, see seventh day's proceedings, and Appendix IV.) On motion of Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, the Order of the Day was postponed, in order to take up the unfinished business of yesterday, namely, the resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. DeKoven, and the proposed amendment thereto offered by Mr. Burgwin. The Rev. Dr. DeKoven accepted Mr. Burgwin's amendment.

Mr. Andrews, of Southern Ohio, moved to lay the whole subject on the table. On this motion the Clerical Deputation from Northern New Jersey called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were 45 Dioceses represented, — ayes 10, nays 31, divided 4.

Of the Laity there were 40 Dioceses represented, — ayes 10, nays 25, divided 5.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Mr. Hill. — *Aye*.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Douglas, McKim, and Littell. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Brooks. — *Nay*.

KANSAS. — The Rev. Dr. Reynolds, and the Rev. Mr. Cox. — *Aye*.

KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Drs. Shipman, Craik, and Perkins. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Nay*.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault, and the Rev. Dr. Percival. — *Aye*.

MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, and Dalrymple. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Leeds. — *Nay*.

OHIO. — The Rev. Messrs. Farr, and Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Bronson. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Brown. — *Nay*.

SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Drs. Burr, Boyd, and Morrell, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Aye*.

VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hanckel, Norton, Minnigerode, and Gibson. — *Aye*.

WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, and Ingersoll. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Lamberton, Atlee, and Maynard. — *Aye*. Mr. Coppel. — *Nay*.

DELAWARE.—Messrs. Curtis, and Raymond.—*Aye.* Mr. Bates.—*Nay.*

FLORIDA.—Mr. Ambler.—*Aye.*

KANSAS.—Mr. Todd.—*Aye.*

MISSISSIPPI.—Messrs. Butts, and Bailey.—*Aye.*

OHIO.—Messrs. Devereux, and Delano.—*Aye.* Mr. Moss.—*Nay.*

RHODE ISLAND.—Messrs. Stiness, and Goddard.—*Aye.* Mr. Hoppin.—*Nay.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Mr. McCrady.—*Aye.*

SOUTHERN OHIO.—Messrs. Andrews, Horton, and McGuffy.—*Aye.*

VIRGINIA.—Messrs. Sheffey, Taylor, and Parker.—*Aye.*

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA.—The Rev. Drs. Stringfellow, and Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt.—*Nay.* The Rev. Dr. Banister.—*Aye.*

ALBANY.—The Rev. Dr. Payne, the Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harison.—*Nay.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, Ayrault, and McKnight, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.—*Nay.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Messrs. Whitehead, and Leverett.—*Nay.* The Rev. Mr. Marple.—*Aye.*

CONNECTICUT.—The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, the Rev. Mr. Knight, the Rev. Dr. Harwood, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson.—*Nay.*

EASTON.—The Rev. Drs. Barber, and Stearns.—*Nay.* The Rev. Dr. Barton.—*Aye.*

FLORIDA.—The Rev. Drs. Scott, and Steele.—*Nay.*

FOND DU LAC.—The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor.—*Nay.*

GEORGIA.—The Rev. Dr. Benedict, and the Rev. Messrs. Rees, Boone, and Foute.—*Nay.*

ILLINOIS.—The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, Locke, and Leffingwell.—*Nay.*

IOWA.—The Rev. Messrs. McIlwain, and Seymour.—*Nay.* The Rev. Mr. Trimble.—*Aye.*

MAINE.—The Rev. Mr. Alger.—*Nay.*

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Rev. Drs. Burgess, Huntington, Vinton, and Lambert.—*Nay.*

MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane.—*Nay.*

MINNESOTA.—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas, Livermore, and Whipple.—*Nay.*

MISSISSIPPI.—The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Messrs. Marks, and Pickett.—*Nay.*

MISSOURI.—The Rev. Dr. Runcie, the Rev. Messrs. Scheetz, and Dunlop, and the Rev. Dr. Ingraham.—*Nay.*

NEBRASKA.—The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Messrs. Goodale, and Paterson.—*Nay.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Rev. Drs. Coit, and Eames, and the Rev. Mr. Sears.—*Nay.* The Rev. Dr. Hubbard.—*Aye.*

NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Mr. Langford, and the Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker.—*Nay.* The Rev. Dr. Garrison.—*Aye.*

NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Cady, and Seymour.—*Nay.* The Rev. Dr. Beach.—*Aye.*

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Drs. Abercrombie, and Farrington, and the Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith.—*Nay.*

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Drs. Rudder, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown.—*Nay.* The Rev. Dr. Hare.—*Aye.*

PITTSBURGH.—The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Smith, and Alsop.—*Nay.*

RHODE ISLAND.—The Rev. Messrs. Greer, and Richards.—*Nay.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Drs. Pinckney, and Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough, and Johnson.—*Nay.*

TENNESSEE.—The Rev. Drs. White, and Harris.—*Nay.* The Rev. Mr. Fitts.—*Aye.*

TEXAS.—The Rev. Messrs. Bird, and Clemens.—*Nay.*

VERMONT.—The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, and Atwill, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts.—*Nay.*

WESTERN MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Messrs. Conover, Bancroft, and Stowe.—*Nay.* The Rev. Mr. Mortimer.—*Aye.*

WISCONSIN.—The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, and Adams.—*Nay.*

LAY VOTE.

ALBANY.—Messrs. Meads, Forsyth, and Tremain.—*Nay.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Messrs. Clarke, and McWhorter.—*Nay.*

CONNECTICUT.—Messrs. Seymour, Johnson, and Stark.—*Nay.*

EASTON.—Messrs. Goldsborough, and Walker.—*Nay.*

FOND DU LAC.—Mr. Jenkins.—*Nay.*

GEORGIA.—Messrs. Johnson, and Montgomery.—*Nay.* Mr. Whittle.—*Aye.*

ILLINOIS.—Mr. Judd.—*Nay.*

INDIANA.—Mr. Duy.—*Nay.*

IOWA.—Mr. Moor.—*Nay.*

LONG ISLAND.—Messrs. Pierrepont, Hunter, Prince, and Nicoll.—*Nay.*

MAINE.—Messrs. Bridge, Ingalls, and Gardiner.—*Nay.*

MARYLAND.—Messrs. Magruder, Brune, and Harrison.—*Nay.*

MASSACHUSETTS.—Messrs. Shattuck, and Bennett.—*Nay.* Mr. Winthrop.—*Aye.*

MISSOURI.—Mr. Gill, and Gen. Simpson.—*Nay.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Messrs. Farwell, and Heywood.—*Nay.*

NEW YORK.—Messrs. Fish, and Davies.—*Nay.*

NORTH CAROLINA.—Messrs. DeRosset, J. G. Martin, and W. F. Martin.—*Nay.* Mr. Battle.—*Aye.*

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—Messrs. Garthwaite, Meigs, and Mills.—*Nay.*

PITTSBURGH.—Messrs. Shoenberger, and Burgwin.—*Nay.*

TENNESSEE.—Messrs. McNeal, and Fairbanks.—*Nay.* Mr. Cooper.—*Aye.*

TEXAS.—Mr. Hutchins.—*Nay.*

VERMONT.—Messrs. Redfield, and Clement.—*Nay.*

WESTERN MICHIGAN.—Mr. Loveridge.—*Nay.*

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Messrs. Parshall, Smith, Montgomery, and White.—*Nay.*

WISCONSIN.—Mr. Doe.—*Nay.*

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ARKANSAS.—The Rev. Mr. Tupper.—*Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Matthews.—*Nay.*

INDIANA.—The Rev. Dr. Wakefield.—*Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Bradley.—*Nay.*

LONG ISLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Hall, and Schenck.—*Aye.* The Rev. Drs. Drowne, and Snively.—*Nay.*

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Dr. Buxton, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes.—*Aye.* The Rev. Drs. Watson, and Huske.—*Nay.*

LAY VOTE.

KENTUCKY.—Messrs. Stevenson, and Robinson.—*Aye.* Messrs. Cornwall, and Churchill.—*Nay.*

LOUISIANA.—Mr. Race.—*Aye.* Gen. Augur.—*Nay.*

MINNESOTA.—Mr. Wilder.—*Aye.* Mr. Holbrook.—*Nay.*

NEW JERSEY.—Mr. Wilson.—*Aye.* Mr. Parker.—*Nay.*

PENNSYLVANIA.—Messrs. Welsh, and Harrison.—*Aye.* Messrs. Coffin, and Hazlehurst.—*Nay.*

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops : —

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 27.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 18 from the House of Deputies [relating to a Joint Committee to revise the Hymnal], for the reason that for the present it deems it inexpedient to take such action.

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 19 from the House of Deputies [proposing certain amendments to Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 15 of Title I].

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 13th day of the Session,
October 17, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 28.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has accepted the resignation of the Right Reverend William F. Adams, D.D., as Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, the House proceeded with the business under consideration at the hour of recess, namely, the resolution offered yesterday by the Rev. Dr. DeKoven, with Mr. Burgwin's amendment thereof.

Mr. Smith, of Western New York, moved to strike out all after the word "stand," and in place of the words stricken out to add the words, "for the purposes aforesaid."

Mr. Judd, of Illinois, moved to lay the amendment on the table. On a division of the House the motion prevailed, — ayes 160, nays 35.

The question recurring on the amended resolution, a vote by Dioceses and Orders was called for.

Of the Clergy there were forty-four Dioceses represented, — ayes 10, nays 22, divided 12.

Of the Laity there were forty Dioceses represented, — ayes 6, nays 30, divided 4.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, Ayrault, and McKnight. — *Aye*.

FLORIDA. — The Rev. Drs. Scott, and Steele. — *Aye*.

ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, and Leffingwell. — *Aye*.

MAINE. — The Rev. Mr. Alger. — *Aye*.

MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Drs. Worthington, and Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane. — *Aye*.

MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Pickett. — *Aye*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Drs. Coit, and Eames. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Hubbard. — *Nay*.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Abercrombie, and Farrington, and the Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Aye*.

TEXAS. — The Rev. Messrs. Bird, and Clemens. — *Aye*.

WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. De Koven, Cole, and Adams. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

ILLINOIS. — Mr. Judd. — *Aye*.

IOWA. — Mr. Moor. — *Aye*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Messrs. Low, and Heywood. — *Aye*. Mr. Farwell. — *Nay*.

NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. J. G. Martin, and W. F. Martin. — *Aye*. Mr. Battle. — *Nay*.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Garthwaite, and Mills. — *Aye*.

WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Banister, and Massey. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.

ALBANY. — The Rev. Dr. Payne, the Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harison. — *Nay*.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Mr. Hill. — *Nay*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Mr. Marple, the Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Mr. Leverett. — *Nay*.

EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barber, Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns. — *Nay*.

KANSAS. — The Rev. Dr. Reynolds, and the Rev. Messrs. Coxe, and Loring. — *Nay*.

KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Drs. Shipman, Craik, and Perkins. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Aye*.

LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hall, Schenck, Drowne, and Snively. — *Nay*.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault, and the Rev. Dr. Percival. — *Nay*.

MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, Dalrymple, and Leeds. — *Nay*.

MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Messrs. Thomas, and Whipple. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Livermore. — *Aye*.

MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Scheetz. — *Aye*.

NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Messrs. Goodale, and Pater-son. — *Nay*.

NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Buxton, and Huske, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Watson. — *Aye*.

OHIO. — The Rev. Mr. Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Bronson. — *Nay*.

PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, Rudder, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. — *Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Greer, and Richards. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Henshaw. — *Aye*.

SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Drs. Burr, Boyd, and Morrell, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Nay*.

TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Dr. White, and the Rev. Mr. Fitts. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Harris. — *Aye*.

VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hanckel, Norton, Minnigerode, and Gibson. — *Nay*.

WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, Bancroft, and Stowe. — *Nay*.

WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, and Bishop. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, Forsyth, and Tremain. — *Nay*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. Clarke, McWhorter, and Moss. — *Nay*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Coppie, Atlee, and Maynard. — *Nay*.

CONNECTICUT. — Messrs. Seymour, Kingsbury, and Stark. — *Nay*.
 DELAWARE. — Messrs. Curtis, Raymond, and Bates. — *Nay*.
 EASTON. — Messrs. Goldsborough, and Walker. — *Nay*.
 FLORIDA. — Mr. Ambler. — *Nay*.
 FOND DU LAC. — Mr. Jenkins. — *Nay*.
 GEORGIA. — Messrs. Whittle, and Johnson. — *Nay*. Mr. Montgomery. — *Aye*.
 INDIANA. — Mr. Howe. — *Nay*.
 KANSAS. — Mr. Todd. — *Nay*.
 KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Stevenson, Cornwall, and Robinson. — *Nay*.
 LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur, and Mr. Race. — *Nay*.
 MAINE. — Messrs. Ingalls, and Gardiner. — *Nay*. Mr. Bridge. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — Messrs. Brune, and Harrison. — *Nay*.
 MINNESOTA. — Messrs. Wilder, and Holbrook. — *Nay*.
 MISSISSIPPI. — Messrs. Butts, and Bailey. — *Nay*.
 MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill, and Gen. Simpson. — *Nay*.
 NEW YORK. — Mr. Davies. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — Messrs. Moss, Devereux, and Delano. — *Nay*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, Harrison, Coffin, and Hazlehurst. — *Nay*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Stiness, Goddard, and Hoppin. — *Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — Mr. McCrady. — *Nay*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — Messrs. Andrews, Horton, and McGuffy. — *Nay*.
 TENNESSEE. — Messrs. McNeal, and Cooper. — *Nay*.
 TEXAS. — Mr. Hutchins. — *Nay*.
 VERMONT. — Messrs. Williams, and Clement. — *Nay*. Mr. Redfield. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — Messrs. Sheffey, Taylor, and Parker. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — Mr. Chapin. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Messrs. Parshall, Smith, Montgomery, and White. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Mr. Matthews. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Tupper. — *Nay*.
 CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Beardsley, and Harwood. — *Nay*.
 DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Brooks, and McKim. — *Aye*. The Rev. Messrs. Douglass, and Littell. — *Nay*.
 GEORGIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Boone, and Foute. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Benedict, and the Rev. Mr. Rees. — *Nay*.
 INDIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Roberts. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Wakefield. — *Nay*.
 IOWA. — The Rev. Mr. McIlwain. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Trimble. — *Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Drs. Burgess, and Vinton. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Huntington, and Lambert. — *Nay*.
 NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Garrison, and the Rev. Mr. Langford. — *Nay*.
 NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Cady, and Seymour. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Beach, and Dix. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Mr. Smith. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Mills, and the Rev. Mr. Alsop. — *Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Dr. Pinckney, and the Rev. Mr. McCollough. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Porter, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson. — *Nay*.
 VERMONT. — The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, and Roberts. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Atwill, and the Rev. Dr. Hull. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Hunter, and Prince. — *Aye*. Messrs. Pierrepont, and Nicoll. — *Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Mr. Shattuck. — *Aye*. Mr. Winthrop. — *Nay*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Parker. — *Aye*. Mr. Wilson. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Burgwin. — *Aye*. Mr. Shoenberger. — *Nay*.

The resolution, accordingly, was not adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on Canons:—

REPORT No. 5.

The Joint Committee of the two Houses on the Book of Common Prayer, to whom were referred divers proposed plans for permitting the use of a shortened Form of Daily Prayer on certain occasions of Divine Service, have agreed on the following Report:—

The committee are unanimous in the conviction that adhesion, on their part, to the traditional policy of requesting “to be excused from further consideration of the subject” will not satisfy this Convention.

The demand for such a privilege is urgent, and almost intolerant of further delays.

On the other hand, no attempt to alter rubrics or to amend constitutional provisions meets with general approbation. The only alternative, that of meeting the emergency by Canon, is of doubtful propriety in the opinion of some greatly respected authorities. Yet the committee are unanimous in the conviction that objections, on the grounds of constitutional law, are by no means formidable. The permission always accorded to our Bishops (see Section xiv of Canon 15 of Title I) to set forth forms of prayer for extraordinary occasions, which it is declared to be the duty of the clergy to use on such occasions, *instead of the Daily Prayer of the Prayer Book*, establishes a principle on which the committee confidently rely as justifying their conclusions. But this principle is fortified by the Canon, “Of the Use of the Book of Common Prayer,” Canon 22, Title I, which is our “Law of Uniformity,” and answers to the English law, so called, which recognizes a similar principle. A Canon on the use of the Book of Common Prayer falling short of the rubrical requirements which contemplate its daily use, and in full view of which the daily use of the Prayer Book in Divine Service has long been the exception and not the practice of this Church, may certainly admit of modifications which will secure a more general compliance with the spirit, if not the letter, of our rubrical law. Compliance with its letter being, in many cases, a practical impossibility, this Canon now operates to abolish frequent Services, and to make a partial use of the Offices of Daily Prayer a greater offence than a total neglect of the same. The committee suppose that this is a sacrifice of the very life of our Offices to ideas of their functional requirements, which are not unquestionable.

The Church of England, hampered by acts of Parliament, and rigidly conservative even to the point of almost lifeless inactivity in such matters, has yielded to the necessities of the case and permitted a partial use of the Prayer Book, in certain circumstances, without any alteration of its rubrics. Is it possible that we can conceive of ourselves as fettered by graver constitutional considerations than have been thus made to give way to the spiritual urgencies of the times in our Mother Church? We think not; and, therefore, following an example which has been found to work no evil, but to effect much good, we have resolved to propose an addition to Canon 22, Title I, which will permit some relaxation of its requirements in certain particulars. This moderate measure will be an experiment easily remedied, should it be found to operate unsatisfactorily. It has this great advantage as compared with speculative and perilous amendments of rubrics and constitutions: to correct it is always in the immediate power of the General Convention. It is always wise, in the opinion of the committee, that proposed improvements should be tried as experiments before being organized into system.

The committee, on the part of this House, propose the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Canon 22, Title I, “*On the Use of the Book of Common Prayer*,” be amended so as to read as follows:—

CANON 22, TITLE 1.

§ i. Every minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, and on all other occasions of public worship, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same is or may be established by the authority of the General Convention of this Church; and in performing such service no other prayers shall be used than those prescribed by the said Book. *Provided*, That the Minister may, by permission of the Ordinary, on any days except the Lord's Day, and the Festivals of our Lord, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the day of Annual Thanksgiving, begin the Morning Prayer (or the Evening Prayer) at the General Confession or at the Lord's Prayer, using both or one of the Lessons, followed by a Canticle; and then as ordered, ending after the Collect for Grace (or the Collect against Perils) with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and 2d Cor. xiii, 14.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.
W. B. W. HOWE.
E. E. BEARDSLEY.
WM. ADAMS.
I. G. HUBBARD.
G. H. NORTON.
WM. RUDDER.
HENRY ANSTICE.
H. STRINGFELLOW.
ORLANDO MEADS.
J. C. GARTHWAITE.
ORIGEN S. SEYMOUR.
AUGUSTUS H. MOSS.
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops : —

MESSAGE NO. 29. BOSTON, MASS., 13th day of the Session,
October 17, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 15 from the House of Deputies [relating to a Joint Committee on Shortened Services] and appoints as the committee asked for on the part of this House the Bishops of Western New York, Florida, and South Carolina.

Resolved, That this House concurs in the action communicated in Message No. 15 from the House of Deputies [ratifying the proposed amendment, by way of addition to the 8th Article of the Constitution].

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons : —

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that Section i of Canon 22 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows : —

§ i. Upon all Sundays, and on all the Festivals enumerated in the "TABLE OF FEASTS," and upon Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, public worship in any organized Parish or established Mission of this Church shall be celebrated by the use of the Book of Common Prayer, as set forth by the authority of the General Convention; and in celebrating such services, no other prayers shall be used than those prescribed in the said book.

But the House of Bishops may set forth for all other occasions, and for use in other places than organized Parishes and established Missions, or in congrega-

tions unaccustomed to the worship of the Church, such forms of prayer for temporary use as may seem to them expedient; or may make such order as may seem to them wise, with regard to the use of the Order of Daily Morning and Evening Prayer. And until the House of Bishops shall set forth such form or forms, any Bishop may appoint such services for use within his own Diocese.

Upon extraordinary occasions of fasting and prayer or thanksgiving, the Bishop of each Diocese may prepare forms of prayer and thanksgiving, to be used as he may direct within his own jurisdiction. He may, moreover, appoint forms of prayer for use within his own Diocese before legislatures and other public bodies.

Provided, That nothing in this Canon shall be construed as limiting the right of any Minister, in extraordinary services and services in unusual places, where congregations are unaccustomed to the worship of the Church, when the direction of the Bishop, as aforesaid, cannot be had (and only in such circumstances), to use, at his discretion, any form of worship taken from the Book of Common Prayer.

Section xiv of Canon 15 of Title I (p. 73) is hereby repealed.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, of Tennessee, gave notice of his intention to offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it be the order of this House, that Diocesan representation in the House of Deputies be for the present fixed at six, of whom three shall be Presbyters and three shall be Laymen.

On motion, the House adjourned.

FOURTEENTH DAY'S SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 18, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Richards, of Rhode Island, and the Rev. Mr. Magrath, of Michigan.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Northern Texas.

The Minutes of the thirteenth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 7.

The Committee on Elections beg leave to report that satisfactory evidence of the election of Mr. Richard S. Conover as a Supplemental Deputy to this House from the Diocese of New Jersey, and of his appointment to the place of Mr. Abraham Browning, who is unable to attend, has been received.

The committee would further report, that leave of absence for the remainder of the session has been granted to the following members of this House: the Rev. Warren H. Roberts, of the Diocese of Indiana; the Rev. H. H. Waters, of the Diocese of Louisiana; Mr. E. S. Butts, of the Diocese of Mississippi; and Mr. A. J. De Rosset, of the Diocese of North Carolina.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

In accordance with the foregoing Report, Mr. Conover, of New Jersey, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Bennett, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 12.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the resolution of the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, to inquire and report,

“*First*, Whether there exists any conflict between the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution and Title I, Canon 15, Section xiv, page 73, of the Digest; and, *Second*, How far the interpretation of that Canon opens the door to other appointments of services,” have attended to that duty, and respectfully report:—

The Canon referred to in the resolution is the Canon empowering the Bishop of each Diocese “to compose forms of prayer or thanksgiving for extraordinary occasions,” and making it the duty of the Clergy to use such forms on those occasions; and the question submitted is, whether said Canon conflicts with the eighth Article of the Constitution, which declares that no alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer, unless with the sanction and approbation of two General Conventions.

Inasmuch as the Prayer Book prescribes an exact and particular form of Prayer for Daily Morning and Evening use,—for *every day's* morning and evening use,—and in a precise and exact order, and without any express permission therein to use any other or additional prayers than are therein laid down, there is some reason to doubt whether even the Bishop has, or can have by a mere Canon, a constitutional right to compose, and direct the Clergy to use, other prayers on any occasion where the regular Daily Morning or Evening Prayer is otherwise to be used.

This uncertainty is not diminished by the fact that the Prayer Book itself contains a collection of Prayers for several and special occasions; and the argument of *expressio unius exclusio alterius* is not without some force.

But your committee have thought it their duty to consider the subject in a practical light rather than as a mere abstract and theoretical question, and for this purpose to look at the history of the Canon itself.

It was first passed in the year 1795. At that time no clause existed in the Constitution prohibiting any alteration in or addition to the Prayer Book; such prohibition having been first inserted in the Constitution in the years 1808–11; and of course the Canon could not possibly be, during the first sixteen years of its existence, in violation of any constitutional provision; and after such provision was made in the Constitution, the Canon still continued in full practical force and use until 1832, when it was substantially re-enacted (with some changes not material to the present question), and it has had the unchallenged force of law to the present day, a period of over three fourths of a century. So far as known to your committee, no practical difficulty has arisen from its proper use. It was clearly designed and expressly declared to empower Bishops to compose prayers for extraordinary occasions, which means extraordinary occasions only. And if it ever has been or ever should be resorted to or made use of on any other occasions, it would simply be an abuse or misuse of its power, which would not justly render the Canon itself, when properly interpreted and applied, obnoxious to any constitutional provision.

Considering, therefore, that tribunals of the highest authority decline to pronounce any law unconstitutional, especially when the same power has framed both instruments, unless plainly required to do so by the clearest necessity; and considering it is their recognized duty to reconcile in all cases, where possible, the language of the law or Canon with the language of the Constitution; and considering that in any doubtful case long and uninterrupted usage and contemporaneous legislative construction, especially when unattended with any practical difficulties or evils to be remedied, are entitled to great weight in coming to a practical conclusion, your committee do not feel compelled to report, in answer

to the first question, that there does exist any conflict between the Canon referred to and the eighth Article of the Constitution.

As to the second question in the resolution referred to them, "How far said Canon opens the door to other appointments of services," your committee respectfully report that in their judgment this Canon, properly interpreted, and limited as it is by its very language to extraordinary occasions, and bearing on its face no evidence that such special or extraordinary prayers were intended as a substitute for or in place of the regular Order of Daily Prayer as laid down in the Prayer Book, your committee are of opinion that this Canon does not of itself open the door to any establishment by mere Canon of a shortened form of service to be used on occasions when *otherwise* the Order of Prayer as prescribed in the Prayer Book would be binding; but that such shortened services must depend for their regularity upon other considerations and suggestions.

Having expressed an opinion upon the questions submitted, the committee respectfully request the passage of this resolution:—

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES H. HALL.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
W. R. HUNTINGTON.
J. F. GARRISON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
CORTLANDT PARKER.
J. W. STEVENSON.
EDWARD McCRADY.
J. B. HOWE.
G. W. RACE.
E. T. WILDER.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 13.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom were referred the resolution of Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, and the resolution of Rev. Dr. Harison, of Albany, concerning the expediency of making certain changes in Article 3 of the Constitution, have considered the matter so referred to them, and respectfully present the following Report:—

Concerning the word "Convention," as used in the twelfth line of the Article, it is evident that the House of Deputies is meant, and that the word "Convention" has been retained through inadvertence. A study of the history of the Article and of the changes which have been made from time to time in its language explains how this error came about. At first what is now known as the "House of Bishops of the General Convention" was known as the "House of Revision," and what is now known as the "House of Deputies" was then known as the "General Convention." When in 1789 the relation of the two Houses was changed, as will be more fully set forth presently, the nomenclature was so far changed as to make the term "General Convention" include the two Houses,—the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies; but in the twelfth line the word "Convention," which means the House of Deputies, was left unchanged. The meaning, however, is sufficiently obvious, and the committee do not discover such reason for a change of this word as to induce them to recommend an amendment to the Constitution.

The second matter referred to the committee seems to relate to the expediency of repealing or in some other way neutralizing the effect of the last two sentences of Article 3, the object of one resolution being to prevent "embarrassment in

future from that provision of the Article which erects every Act of the House of Deputies into a law, that fails to command within three days of its passage a response from the other House"; and the object of the other resolution being to "recognize the full co-ordinate power of the House of Bishops in this Convention."

Again, a reference to the history of this Article may serve to assist in determining whether any change or amendment is necessary.

In 1784, 1785, and 1786 the idea underlying this Article passed through various stages of development. In 1789 the Article assumed such a shape as to declare that "the Bishops of this Church, when there shall be three or more, shall, whenever General Conventions are held, form a House of Revision, and when any proposed Act shall have passed in the General Convention, the same shall be transmitted to the House of Revision for their concurrence. And if the same shall be sent back to the Convention with the negation or non-concurrence of the House of Revision, it shall be again considered in the General Convention; and if the Convention should adhere to the said Act by a majority of three fifths of their body, it shall become a law to all intents and purposes, notwithstanding the non-concurrence of the House of Revision. And all the Acts of the Convention shall be authenticated by both Houses. The remainder of the Article was the same as now, except that it then read "two days" instead of "three," and "State" instead of "Diocese" in the last line but one.

But at the General Convention of 1789 (the same year), Bishop Seabury, of Connecticut, with the Church under him, made it a condition, before they came into union with the General Convention, that this article should be so modified as to "declare explicitly the rights of the Bishops, when sitting in a separate House, to originate and propose Acts for the concurrence of the other House of Convention, and to negative such acts proposed by the other House as they may disapprove." This modification was agreed to, and Dr. Hawks, in his work on the Constitution, goes on to say that thus "to Bishop Seabury belongs the merit of having made the Bishops an equal and co-ordinate power in the work of a general ecclesiastical legislature. Instead of a mere council of revision, he made the Bishops a Senate, or upper House, holding their places for life; thus more effectually upholding, as was proper, the dignity and respectability of the Bishops, giving more stability to the legislation of the great council of the Church, and guarding against the dangers of enactments, made hastily under temporary excitements." Mr. Hoffman in his work on the Constitution says that the "progress of this measure is a remarkable tribute to the prevalence of just Church views"; and we read in the record of 1789 that immediately after this change was made, and Bishop Seabury had signed the Constitution, it was resolved, "that agreeably to the Constitution of the Church as altered and confirmed, there is now in this Convention a separate House of Bishops." A later change, adopted in 1803, made the veto of the Bishops absolute by repealing the clause giving the House of Deputies power to pass an Act over the non-concurring of the House of Bishops.

From these facts it is evident that in the opinion both of the Convention and of learned Canonists, one object of the movers of the resolutions referred to the committee was attained long ago, that is to say, "the co-ordinate power of the House of Bishops in this Convention" is by this Article recognized and established. Or to use the language of the other resolution referred, "the dignity of the House of Bishops, its enlarged condition, and its long-established existence as a permanent part in the organization of the Convention and a co-ordinate power in its legislative functions," have long since been solemnly and sufficiently acknowledged. Now when we examine the terms of the Article itself we fail to find in them any reason for their repeal or amendment such as is suggested by these resolutions. It is certainly not desired to take away from the House of Bishops the right of veto given it in 1803, nor is it desirable, the committee think, to remove the limitation which requires the House of Bishops, in order to exercise its right of veto, to communicate the reason for its non-concurrence within three days after any "proposed Act shall have been reported to them for concurrence." The reason for this limitation is obvious. The House of Bishops,

in the exercise of its undoubted prerogative, chooses to sit with closed doors. By its own order, its action cannot be known to this House except as it chooses to communicate it. If it does not concur in any Act of the House of Deputies, therefore, its non-concurrence and the reasons thereof can be known only by and through its own communication. The House of Deputies is not permitted to overrule its non-concurrence. Surely it is right that the small privilege of knowing the reason of such non-concurrence should not be abrogated, if for no other than educational reasons. As to the provision requiring the House of Bishops to act negatively within three days, the committee do not say as to whether the time might not be wisely enlarged; but surely some time ought to be fixed; for, otherwise, any Act of the House of Deputies might be nullified in the House of Bishops, not after a consideration of its merits, but without any consideration, and simply because of a primary indisposition to enter upon its consideration. It is not meant to be implied that in any event the House of Bishops would do less than their whole duty; but at the same time, this constitutional provision, agreed to by the Bishops themselves, is not to be lightly repealed, which renders it impossible that any part of this House's legislation could be defeated by mere non-action.

As to the report of the last sentence of the Article, which says that, "until there shall be three or more Bishops," etc., the committee fail to see any reason for amending the Article in order to exclude these words. If they have ceased to be applicable, they at least serve to remind us of the day of small yet great things, when this Church began its career under Bishops White, Provost, and Seabury.

The committee, therefore, are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to take any action in the premises, and offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this matter.

CHAS. H. HALL.
SAMUEL BENEDICT.
W. R. HUNTINGTON.
SAMUEL S. HARRIS.
J. F. GARRISON.
J. W. STEVENSON.
E. T. WILDER.
EDWARD McCRADY.
EDMUND H. BENNETT.
CORTLANDT PARKER.
G. W. RACE.
J. B. HOWE.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, the subject of the foregoing Report was referred to a Committee of Conference, composed of the Committee on Canons, the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, and the Committee on the Prayer Book.

Mr. Burgwin, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 20.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred by three resolutions the subject of the Testimonials, respectfully report that they find it impossible to give the subject that consideration which its difficulty and importance demand. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the whole subject of Testimonials be referred to a Special Committee of three members of this House, to report at the next session of the General Convention.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton, from the Special Committee on Mr. Judd's resolutions (introduced on the ninth day's session), presented the following Report:—

The committee to whom was referred a memorial to be presented to the Lambeth Conference at its approaching session, asking the Conference "to provide for the setting forth of an accurate and authentic version in the English language of the Creeds and the other acts of the undisputed General Councils concerning the Faith proclaimed by them as the standards of orthodox belief for the whole Church," beg leave to report as follows:—

In the judgment of your committee, the publications referred to would form a very valuable accession to the body of Church literature, and would be welcomed by the Clergy in general, by candidates for Orders, and by many of the Laity as well.

Yet inasmuch as the Conference of Bishops at Lambeth is a purely voluntary association, with no organic character recognized by either the Church of England or our own Church, it seemed to your committee that an address to them by this House, representing, as it does in part, the organic authority of the whole Church in this land, would be a matter of questionable propriety.

Moreover, since our own House of Bishops has, in its official character, adopted the sentiments and expressions of the Conference at Lambeth, it appeared to the committee that any action looking to the result contemplated by the resolution referred to them should take the form of an application by this House to the House of Bishops.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. H. VINTON,
WILLIAM RUDDER,
WM. ADAMS,
H. STRINGFELLOW,
S. CORNING JUDD,
HAMILTON FISH,
ORLANDO MEADS,

Committee.

Mr. Judd, of Illinois, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were placed on the Calendar:—

WHEREAS, A majority of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, at the Lambeth Conference, held in the year of our Lord 1867, while solemnly "professing the Faith delivered to us in Holy Scripture, maintained in the Primitive Church and by the fathers of the English Reformation," did also "express the deep sorrow with which we view the divided condition of the Flock of Christ throughout the world, ardently longing for the fulfilment of the Prayer of our Lord "That all may be one," and did furthermore "solemnly record" their "conviction that *unity will be most effectually promoted by maintaining the Faith in its purity and integrity, as taught by the Holy Scripture, held by the Primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds, and affirmed by the Undisputed General Councils*";

AND WHEREAS, The Lambeth declaration was not only signed by all the nineteen American Bishops then and there present, but the whole House of Bishops, at the General Convention of 1868, also formally resolved that they "cordially united in the language and spirit" of the same;

AND WHEREAS, Our fervent prayer daily offered, "that all who profess and call themselves Christians" "may hold the Faith in unity of Spirit," cannot receive fulfilment unless there be a clear and steadfast clinging to "the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints";

AND WHEREAS, The restoration of this "unity of spirit" in the Apostolic "bond of peace" among all Christian people, for which we thus daily pray, ought also to be the object of our most earnest efforts;

AND WHEREAS, This unity manifestly cannot be restored by the submission of all other parts to any one part of the divided Body of Christ, but must be reached by the glad reunion of all in that Faith which was held by all before the separation of corrupt times began;

AND WHEREAS, The venerable documents in which the Undisputed Councils summed up the Catholic Faith are not easily accessible to many of the Clergy, and have never been fully set forth to our Laity in a language "understood of the people";

Therefore Resolved, By the House of Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, that, in furtherance of the good work thus recommended and enjoined by the said Lambeth Conference, and by the House of Bishops of this Church, we humbly request the said House of Bishops, by a Commission of learned Divines, or otherwise, to provide for the setting forth of an accurate and authentic version, in the English language, of the Creeds and the other acts of the said Undisputed General Councils concerning the Faith, thus proclaimed as the standards of orthodox belief for the whole Church.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, of Tennessee, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar:—

Resolved, That it be the order of this House that the Diocesan Representation in the House of Deputies be for the present fixed at six, of whom three shall be Presbyters and three shall be Laymen.

Mr. Judd, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following amendment to the Constitution be and is hereby proposed, and that the same be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions in pursuance of the ninth Article of the Constitution, namely, That Article 2 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "three," in the fourth line of said Article, so as to provide that the representation of each Diocese in the House of General Convention shall consist of not more than three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Mr. Battle, of North Carolina, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were placed on the Calendar:—

WHEREAS, It is provided in the second Article of the Constitution that "the Church in such Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and Laity," and that "such representation shall consist of not more than four Clergymen and four Laymen, communicants of this Church," etc., and

WHEREAS, The number of Clergymen and Laymen must be prescribed by Canon or resolution; therefore it is

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire whether the number of four Clergymen and four Laymen, to which each Diocese is now entitled, shall be reduced to the number of three Clergymen and three Laymen, to which each Diocese shall hereafter be entitled.

The Rev. Dr. Beach, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Canons:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following be added to Section i, Canon 22, Title I, p. 86, of the Digest:—

It shall be lawful for any Minister of this Church to use, at his discretion, on the week days during Lent, either the Lessons now appointed in the Table of Lessons in the Book of Common Prayer, or the Lessons in the Table reported to this Convention by the Joint Committee on a new Lectionary for Lent.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee on the Lectionary be appointed, to consist of seven members on the part of this House, with power to sit during the recess of this Convention.

The President appointed as the members of said committee the following persons:—

The Rev. Drs. Hare, of Pennsylvania, Beardsley, of Connecticut, Beach, of New York, Hubbard, of New Hampshire, Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey, Huntington, of Massachusetts, and Harison, of Albany.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, the following resolution was referred to the above committee:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the subject of amendments to the Lectionary for Sundays and Holy Days be referred to the Joint Committee on the Amendment of the Lectionary, said committee, if they deem it advisable, to report to the present Convention a Canon authorizing substitutes for the least edifying of the present Lessons, and abbreviations for such of the present Lessons as are unreasonably long; also to report in full to the Convention of 1880.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hare, the Report of the Committee on the Lectionary for Lent was made the Order of the Day for Monday next at 12 M.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

MESSAGE No. 30. BOSTON, MASS., 13th day of the Session,
October 17, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following Canon, "Of Marriage and Divorce," be substituted in place of Canon 13, Title II, which is hereby repealed, and that the said Canon be numbered Canon 13, Title II, viz.:—

OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

§ i. If any persons be joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

§ ii. No Minister of this Church shall solemnize matrimony in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband of either party still living, and where the divorce was obtained for some cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again.

§ iii. No Minister of this Church shall present for Confirmation or administer the Holy Sacraments to any person divorced for any cause arising after marriage, and married again to another in violation of this Canon during the lifetime of such divorced wife or husband; but this prohibition shall not extend to the innocent party where the divorce has been for the cause of adultery, nor to any truly penitent person.

§ iv. Questions touching the facts of any case arising under this Canon shall be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese; or if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate, then to some Bishop designated by the Standing Committee, who shall thereupon make inquiry, by a Commissary or otherwise, and deliver his godly judgment in the premises.

§ v. This Canon, so far as it affixes penalties, does not apply to cases occurring before its taking effect, according to Canon 4, Title IV.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 31.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting of three Bishops, three Clergymen, and three Laymen, be appointed to consider the subject of the relations of a Bishop to Churches that have been consecrated; with instructions to report to the next General Convention.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 32.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II be amended to read as follows:—

§ ii. When any Minister is deposed from the Holy Ministry he is deposed therefrom entirely, and not from a higher to a lower Order in the same; and whenever a Minister shall be deposed, the Bishop who pronounces sentence shall without delay give notice thereof to every Minister and Vestry in the Diocese, and also to all the Bishops of this Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, and the notice shall specify under what Canon the said Minister has been deposed.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th Day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 33.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following new Section of Canon 22 of Title I be enacted:—

In Collegiate or Private Chapels where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated, the Minister officiating shall use no other form than that prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the foregoing Section be numbered Section ii of Canon 22 of Title I, and that the present Section ii be numbered Section iii.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 34.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [3] of Section ii of Canon 1 of Title III be amended to read as follows:—

[3.] It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to procure a proper and sufficient Book of Record, and to enter therein a record of the Consecrations of all the Bishops of this Church, designating accurately the time and place of the same, with the names of the Consecrating Bishops and of others present and assisting; to have the same authenticated in the fullest manner now practicable, and to take care for the similar record and authentication of all future Consecrations in this

Church, by securing in person or by deputy, at the time and place of every such Consecration, a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding, and by two or more of the Bishops assisting in the said Consecration, which certificate shall be entered in the said Book of Records under the attestation of a Notary Public and also placed on file.

The House of Bishops herewith communicates, in connection with the above, the Report of the Registrar.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18th, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 35.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 7 of Title II be amended to read as follows:—

CANON 7.

When a Clergyman has been absent from the Diocese to which he belongs during five years without reasons satisfactory to the Bishop thereof, he shall be required by the Bishop to declare the cause or causes thereof in writing; and if he refuse to give his reasons, or if they be deemed insufficient by the Bishop, the Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, suspend him from the Ministry, which suspension shall continue until he shall give in writing sufficient reasons for his absence, or until he shall renew his residence in his Diocese, or until he shall renounce the Ministry according to Canon 5 of this Title; but in case the said Clergyman shall not comply with either of the foregoing provisions, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to advertise him that unless he does so comply within a period of six months, he will be deposed from the Ministry; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop so to depose him. In the case of such suspension or deposition, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese wherein there is no Bishop.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, Messages Nos. 30, 32, 33, 34, and 35 were referred to the Committee on Canons.

Message No. 31 was placed on the Calendar.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Prayer Book, relating to binding the Hymnal with the Prayer Book. (For the Report, see sixth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the following resolution was adopted as a substitute for the resolution accompanying the Report.

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 20 from the House of Bishops, relating to this subject.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, the resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. Ayrault, of Central New York, on the sixth day's session (relating to a Form of Prayer for use on the Fourth Day of July). On motion of Mr. Battle, of North Carolina, the resolution was laid on the table.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit,

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see sixth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolutions accompanying the said Report were adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 8 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see eighth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolution accompanying the said Report was adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, a resolution as to the time of adjournment.

On motion, the resolution was referred to a committee composed of the Chairman of the Committee on Canons, the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, and the Committee on the Prayer Book.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, an invitation was presented from Mr. W. E. Baker to a charity fête to be held on Saturday next, at Ridge Hill Farm, Wellesley, Mass.

On account of pressure of business the invitation was declined, with thanks.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 21.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 8, from the House of Bishops, proposing an additional section of Title III, Canon 1 (relating to the incidental expenses of the Presiding Bishop), together with the Report of the Committee on Expenses upon the same, respectfully report:—

The necessary expenses of the Presiding Bishop have hitherto been provided for by a vote of the House of Deputies. The amount of this provision ordered by the last House of Deputies was \$250, annually. Until 1838, the Secretary of the House of Deputies performed the duties of a Treasurer. In that year a Treasurer was appointed; and in 1841 a Canon on the subject was adopted, which remains unchanged to this time, and is Section iv of Canon 1 of Title III of the Digest. The Treasurer has always been elected by the House of Deputies; and that House has always acted upon the question of expenses without reference to the House of Bishops. We are of opinion that the expenses of the Presiding Bishop may still be provided for by a vote of this House; and that it is unnecessary to include the provision for that purpose in the Canons. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay from time to time, on the order of the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, such expenses as he may necessarily incur in the execution of his office for clerk hire, printing, stationery, etc., not exceeding four hundred dollars in any one year; it being understood that the travelling expenses of the Presiding Bishop are paid by the Diocese or other body at whose instance they are incurred.

Resolved, That this House, having made other provision for the expenses of

the Presiding Bishop, does not concur with the House of Bishops in the new Section of Canon 1 of Title III, proposed by them in their Message No. 8.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolutions accompanying the above Report were adopted.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 36.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That it is expedient so to amend the law of the Church, touching the godly discipline of its members, as to make it more explicit in its provision, and more readily applicable to particular cases.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee heretofore in charge of the matter be continued and reconstituted with reference to convenience of assembling; and that a Committee of Conference be appointed by the two Houses, to nominate the members of said committee on the godly discipline of the Laity.

The House of Bishops has appointed as such Committee of Conference on its part (as indicated in its Message No. 23), the Bishops of Easton, Delaware, and Pittsburgh.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 36.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 37.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 20 from the House of Deputies [as to a Joint Committee on the functions of Rectors, Wardens, and Vestrymen] and appoints as the committee on the part of the House of Bishops:—

The Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Central New York, and the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 38.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a committee, consisting of three persons from each House, be appointed with power to take such steps as in their discretion may be judicious and effective toward securing, from the Government, for the Indians, the full protection of the civil law; and that it has appointed as such committee on the part of the House of Bishops:—

The Bishop of Minnesota, the Bishop of Pittsburgh, and the Missionary Bishop of Niobrara.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 38.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 39.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, first, the House of Deputies concurring, That the second Article of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary be so amended as to read thus:—

"The management of the said Seminary shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, who shall have power to constitute Professorships and to appoint the Professors, and to prescribe the course of study in the respective schools, and to make Rules and Regulations and Statutes for the government thereof, and generally to take such measures as they may deem necessary to its prosperity. *Provided*, That such Rules and Regulations and course of study and measures be not repugnant to the Constitution and Canons of the Church and to the course of study for candidates for Orders which is or may be established by the House of Bishops. The Bishops who are Trustees shall in their individual and collective capacity be visitors of the Seminary, and shall see that the course of instruction and discipline be conducted agreeably to the foregoing provisions. The Trustees shall make report to every General Convention of their proceedings and of the state of the Seminary."

Resolved, secondly, the House of Deputies concurring, That the third Article of the same Constitution be so amended as to read thus:—

"The Board of Trustees shall be permanently constituted as follows: Every Bishop of the Church having jurisdiction in any Diocese or Missionary District shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board, unless he shall communicate in writing to the Secretary of the Board his desire not to continue as such.

"Every Diocese shall be entitled to one Trustee, and to one additional Trustee for every forty Clergymen belonging to the same, until the year 1880, after which year the number of Trustees (on the basis of Clergy) shall not be increased. *Provided, however*, That the Trustees of any Diocese hereafter formed may be increased until the number be three for such Diocese. Every Diocese shall also be entitled to an additional Trustee for every two thousand dollars of money in any way given or contributed in the same to the funds of the Seminary, until the sum amounts to ten thousand dollars; and to one additional Trustee for every ten thousand dollars of contributions and donations as aforesaid, exceeding that sum. The Trustees shall have their domicile in the Diocese for which they are appointed. They shall be nominated by the Diocesan Conventions respectively to every stated General Convention, which may confirm or reject such nominations. The Senior Bishop present shall preside at every meeting of the Board of Trustees; and whenever demanded by a majority of the Bishops present, or a majority of the Clerical and Lay Trustees present, the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops present and a majority of the Clerical and Lay Trustees present shall be necessary to any act of the Board. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum. The Trustees shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. In the interval between the stated meetings of the General Convention, the Board shall have power to supply all vacancies from the Dioceses, respectively, in which they may have occurred. Upon the removal of any Trustee from the Diocese for which he shall have been appointed, his office shall thenceforth be vacated and the Board of Trustees shall have power to supply the vacancy pursuant to the provisions of the third Article of this Constitution."

Resolved, thirdly, the House of Deputies concurring, That the fourth Article of the same be so amended as to read thus:—

"The Board of Trustees shall always meet in the Diocese where the Seminary is established, at such stated periods as they may determine; and special meetings may be called by the Bishop of the said Diocese, and shall be called by him at the requisition of a majority of the Bishops who are Trustees. And in the event of the disability of the Bishop of the said Diocese from any cause whatever, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate of the same, a special meeting may be called by a majority of the Bishops who are Trustees, they indicating one of their own number to give the notice of such meeting."

Resolved, fourthly, the House of Deputies concurring, That another Article be added to the Constitution, to be numbered the eighth, which shall read thus:—

"This Constitution, as altered by the concurrent vote of the General Convention of 1877, and of the Board of Trustees, shall take effect on the first day of May, 1879, and the first Trustees, other than Bishops, under this amended Constitution, shall be chosen before that time by the Diocesan Conventions respectively, and a certificate of their election duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees."

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the first paragraph of Article IV of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary be and is hereby repealed; to wit, commencing "for the present," and ending "the provisions thereof."

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Lewin, of Maryland, the foregoing Message was referred to the Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

The President appointed the following members of Joint Committees:—

COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIALS AND CERTIFICATES.

The Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, and Messrs. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, and Brune, of Maryland.

COMMITTEE ON THE FUNCTIONS OF RECTORS, WARDENS, AND VESTRYMEN.

The Rev. Drs. Rudder, of Pennsylvania, Dix, of New York, and Schenck, of Long Island; and Messrs. Meads, of Albany, Johnson, of Connecticut, and Parker, of New Jersey.

And the following Committee of Conference to nominate a Joint Committee on Godly Discipline:—

The Rev. Drs. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, and Cady, of New York, and Mr. Hunter, of Long Island.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, it was

Resolved, That the first resolution appended to Report No. 21 of the Committee on Canons be made a standing resolution, and be so printed in the Journal.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 10 of the Committee on Canons, relating to the Dissolution of the Pastoral Connection. (For the Report, see tenth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolution accompanying the said Report was adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 3 of the Committee on the Prayer Book, relating to the Prayer for the President of the United States, and certain special prayers. (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings.)

Mr. Cornwall, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution accompanying the Report of the committee:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Prayer for the President of the United States and all in civil authority, as the same is declared in the Preface to the Book of Common Prayer to have been revised, is the prayer which was authorized to the exclusion of one similar to that now in use without the

authority of the Church. And that the House of Bishops be requested to put forth said revised form, to be used in the Church after the same shall have been approved by the General Convention.

On motion, the proposed substitute was laid on the table.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the Report of the committee was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 22.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred certain proposed amendments in Canon 2 of Title IV, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 2 of Title IV is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

OF THE ENACTMENT, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF CANONS.

§ i. In all cases of future enactment, the same, if by way of amendment of an existing provision, shall be in the following form: "Title —, Canon —," or "Title —, Canon —, Section —," or "Title —, Canon —, Section —, Clause —, is hereby amended so as to read as follows." And if the enactment is of an additional Clause, Section, or Canon, it shall be designated as the next Canon, or next Section, or next Clause of a Canon or Section, in the order of numbering, of the Title to which the subject properly belongs; and if a Canon or Section or Clause be stricken out, the existing numbering shall be retained, until a new edition of the Canons be directed, or until changed, as in the next Section provided.

§ ii. The Committee on Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each session of the General Convention, appoint two of their number to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary, who shall print the same in the Journal.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented without alteration Report No. 7 (returned at their request to said committee) as Report No. 23. (For the Report No. 7, see eighth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the Report was placed on the Calendar.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 24.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 25 from the House of Bishops, proposing an amendment of Clause [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Clause [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III proposed by them in their Message No. 25, with the amendment that the said clause read as follows:—

[11.] No Clergyman shall be allowed to take charge of such Congregation until he shall have been nominated by the Vestry thereof (or if there be no such Vestry, by the Standing Committee provided for by this Canon) and approved by the Bishop in charge; and when such appointment shall have been accepted by the Clergyman so appointed, he shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bishop in charge.

By order of the Committee,
ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, of Michigan, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Testimonials and Certificates, already appointed to consider this subject:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the testimonial required under sub-section [2], Section iv, Canon 8, Title I, be amended by inserting after the word "testify," the words "upon evidence satisfactory to us."

Mr. Whittle, of Georgia, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Expenses:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Expenses inquire into the expediency of providing that the Secretary be instructed to purchase _____ copies of the Debates of this House, to be distributed as follows: Two copies to each Member of this House, one copy to each Bishop of this Church, one copy to each Member of the Canadian Deputation and the Rev. Mr. Tait, five copies to each Diocesan Standing Committee, and one copy to the library of each Divinity School and College belonging to this Church.

Mr. Parker, of New Jersey, offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following be inserted in the "Order for Daily Morning Prayer," at the end of the first Rubric thereof:—

"*Provided*, That on any day except the Lord's Day and the Festivals of our Lord, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Day of Annual Thanksgiving, the Minister may begin the Morning Prayer at the General Confession or the Lord's Prayer, using one or both of the Lessons, followed by a Canticle, and then, as ordered, ending, after the Collect for Grace, with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and 2 Cor. xiii, 14."

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following be inserted in the "Order for Daily Evening Prayer," at the end of the first Rubric thereof:—

"*Provided*, That on any day except the Lord's Day and the Festivals of our Lord, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Day of Annual Thanksgiving, the Minister may begin the Evening Prayer at the General Confession or the Lord's Prayer, using one or both of the Lessons, followed by a Canticle, and then, as ordered, ending, after the Collect for aid against Perils, with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and 2 Cor. xiii, 14."

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Rubric at the beginning of the Litany be amended so as to read as follows:—

"¶. To be used after the Morning Service, or as a separate Service, on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays."

On motion of Mr. Judd, of Illinois, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book to consider and report to this House (if they deem it expedient) an alteration of or

addition to the "Prayer for Congress," so as to be proposed under Article 8 of the Constitution, whereby such prayer may be made applicable also to the legislative assembly of any State or Territory of this Union.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Cady, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the General Theological Seminary have leave to sit as a Joint Committee with the Committee of the House of Bishops on the General Theological Seminary.

Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which this House concurred in Message No. 38 of the House of Bishops.

On a division of the House, the motion was lost, — ayes 58, nays 62.

Mr. Chapin, of Western Michigan, gave notice of his intention of offering the following resolution: —

Resolved, That this House will hold evening sessions till otherwise ordered, beginning with this evening at 7½ o'clock.

On motion, the House adjourned.

FIFTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, October 19, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Knight, of Connecticut, and the Rev. Dr. Porter, of South Carolina.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Nebraska.

The Minutes of the fourteenth day's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, the thanks of this House were returned to Mr. Hathorne, for his courtesy in placing omnibuses at the disposal of members of the House, to reach the steamers for this afternoon's excursion to visit the City Institutions.

The President appointed Mr. Baldwin, of Michigan, in place of Mr. DeRosset, of South Carolina, on the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; and Mr. McNeal, of Tennessee, in place of Mr. Thompson, of the same Diocese, on the Committee on Christian Education.

The resolution offered by Mr. Chapin, of Western Michigan, relating to evening sessions, of which notice was given yesterday,

was called up, and, on motion, was adopted, with an amendment substituting the words "Monday evening" in place of "this evening."

Mr. Shattuck, from the Committee of Expenses, presented the following Report:—

The Committee on Expenses report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. All bills have been promptly paid, and the amount of them until the 29th September was ten thousand four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and three cents. Eleven thousand one hundred and thirty-eight dollars were collected, and on the 1st October there was a balance in the treasury of seven hundred and one dollars and thirty-eight cents.

Your committee have attended several meetings with the committee of the House of Bishops, and are still considering how to reduce the expenses, especially those connected with printing the Journal. A reduction was effected from the expenses of the previous three years of three thousand one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty-eight cents. They will make a report on this matter early next week, and will then recommend an assessment.

They now recommend the passage of the following preamble and resolution from the Joint Committee:—

That WHEREAS Nathan Mathews, Esq., Treasurer of the General Convention, has, in view of the fact that several of the offices of the Convention have been already conferred upon representatives of the Diocese to which he belongs, declined a renomination to the office which he has held for the last six years, therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Deputies bears grateful testimony to the ability and success with which he has performed the duties of his office, especially in systematizing and arranging its details, and in collecting and caring for the dues of the Convention.

The resolution were unanimously adopted

In behalf of the Committee on Expenses, Mr. Shattuck nominated Mr. Lloyd W. Wells, of New York, as Treasurer of the Convention. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, the ballot was dispensed with; thereupon Mr. Wells was unanimously chosen, on the part of this House, Treasurer of the General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, from the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, presented the following Report:—

The Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom were referred for consideration certain resolutions relating to changes in the Board of Missions, respectfully report that after a thorough consideration of the subject, and conferences with the House of Bishops, both committees have united in asking the following action, namely:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to report, as soon as practicable, a Canon substantially like that herewith submitted.

Canon 9 of Title III is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

CANON 9.

Of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

§ i. The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an Act

of the Legislature of the State of New York, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows:—

CONSTITUTION

Of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America as established in 1820, and since amended at various Times.

ARTICLE I.

This institution shall be denominated The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II.

This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

ARTICLE III.

There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church, and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of this Church, Bishops and Deputies sitting apart as in General Convention, or together when they shall so decide.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Missions, at every Triennial Meeting of the General Convention, to appoint a Board of Managers comprising all the Bishops of this Church as *ex-officio* members, fifteen Clergymen, and fifteen Laymen for the management of the General Missions of this Church, to remain in office until their successors are chosen and to fill any vacancies that may occur. This Board of Managers shall, during the recess of the Convention, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. All the surviving Life Members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall also be entitled to seats in this Board.

ARTICLE V.

The Board of Managers is authorized to form from its own members a Committee for Domestic Missions and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other committees as it may deem desirable to promote special Missionary work and to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Managers being intrusted with the management of the General Missionary operations of the Church, is clothed with power to establish Missionary Stations, appoint Missionaries, make appropriations of money, regulate the conducting of Missions, and enact all By-Laws which they may deem necessary for their own government and for the government of their committees; provided always, that in relation to organized Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary stations, and with the consent of the Bishops shall select the stations.

ARTICLE VII.

No Clergyman shall be appointed a Missionary by the Board, or by either of the committees, until after conference with the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese or Missionary District to which he belongs, nor shall any Missionary be sent to officiate in any Diocese or Missionary District without the consent of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, except when regularly called by an organized Parish in accordance with the Canons both Diocesan and General; and no person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not at the time a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of regular standing; but nothing in this Section precludes the

committees from making pecuniary appropriations in aid of Missions under the care of other Churches in communion with this Church, or of employing Laymen or women, members of this Church, to do Missionary work.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Managers is authorized to promote the formation of auxiliary Missionary Associations, whose contributions as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid in accordance with the wish of the donors when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public Missionary meetings to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all auxiliaries approved by the Board of Managers may send one Clerical and one Lay delegate.

§ ii. All Canons and all action by or under the authority of the General Convention, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon and of such amended Constitution, are hereby repealed; *provided*, however, that nothing herein shall in any manner impair or affect any corporate rights of the said Society or any vested right whatever.

G. T. BEDELL,
NOAH HUNT SCHENCK,
For the Joint Committee.

On motion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Canons, and made the Order of the Day for Monday evening next, at 7½ o'clock, unless sooner reached.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Minnigerode, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider what amendments are necessary in Title I, Canon 4, Section iii [1], page 30, to make the examination of candidates for the Diaconate only more stringent, and more in compliance with the requisites of their Sacred Office.

The President appointed Messrs. Blair, of Maryland, and Smith, of Western New York, and the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, as members of the Joint Committee to secure for the Indians the better protection of the civil law.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, from the Special Committee on the time of final adjournment, reported that, in the opinion of the committee, an adjournment was not practicable before next Thursday night.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 9 of the Committee on Canons, relating to the "voluntary withdrawal of persons from the duties of the Sacred Ministry, for reasons not affecting their moral character." (For the Report, see ninth day's proceedings) On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, the resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Livermore (see twelfth day's

proceedings), relating to the use of the Book of Common Prayer. On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 11 of the Committee on Canons, relating to the separation of Services in the Book of Common Prayer. (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings.)

The Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, moved to recommit the Report to the Committee on Canons, with instructions "to provide such canonical security as shall prevent any church from utter and complete disuse of the Litany or Ante-Communion Service, which appears to be possible under the present resolution."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Minnigerode, of Virginia, the resolution was amended by inserting the words "Morning Prayer and" before "the Litany."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut, the resolution was further amended by striking out the word "Ante" before "Communion."

The Rev. Dr. Harris, of Illinois, moved to lay the whole subject on the table. Pending the motion, the House adjourned.

SIXTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, October 20, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Snively, of Long Island, and the Rev. Dr. Huske, of North Carolina.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky.

The Minutes of the fifteenth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 8.

The Committee on Elections begs leave to report:—

That leave of absence for the remainder of the session has been granted to the Rev. Mr. Bradley, of the Diocese of Indiana, and to the following Lay members of this House: Mr. Atwater, of the Diocese of Minnesota; Mr. Smith, of the Diocese of Western New York; Mr. Boal and Mr. White, of the Diocese of Iowa; Mr. Brockway, of the Diocese of Fond du Lac; Mr. Raymond, of the Diocese of Delaware; and Messrs. Lamberton, Coppee, Atlee, and Maynard, of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Dr. Cady, from the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, presented the following Report: —

The Standing Committee of the House of Deputies on the General Theological Seminary, to whom was referred Message No. 39 from the House of Bishops, relating to certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary, respectfully report, —

That they have carefully considered the amendments sent down from the House of Bishops, and recommend the adoption of them by this House, with the exception of the omission, in the second paragraph of Article III, of all words after the word "same" in the third line.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurs with the House of Bishops in the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary contained in Message No. 39 from the House of Bishops, with the exception of the proposed amendment to Article III.

Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary be amended so that the second paragraph of said Article shall read as follows: Every Diocese shall be entitled to one Trustee, and to one additional Trustee for every forty Clergy belonging to the same.

PHILANDER K. CADY, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolutions accompanying the above Report were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Matthews was authorized to act as Treasurer until the arrival of the new Treasurer.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report: —

REPORT NO. 6.

The Committee on the Prayer Book have had under consideration a resolution requesting the House of Bishops "to select and recommend one or more Collects to be used in the Burial Service immediately after the Lesson; and also something appropriate for the Burial of Children," and do not advise its adoption.

The committee have also had referred to them a resolution "to prepare and report to this House, if they deem it expedient, an alteration of or addition to the Prayer for Congress . . . whereby it may be made applicable also to the legislative assembly of any State or Territory of this Union." They beg leave to report that it is inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration, and from the further consideration, moreover, of the resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, asking for the appointment of a Joint Commission to consist of seven Bishops, seven Presbyters, and seven Laymen to consider "what changes, if any, are needed in the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer," the subject-matter of the same having been already acted and decided upon.

On behalf of the Committee,

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Chairman*.

In accordance with their request, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the resolutions referred to.

The Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, from the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members, presented the Report of said committee, with the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That this House, mourning the loss and cherishing the memory of those faithful soldiers and servants of Christ departed in the Lord, desire to place

on record the testimony of its appreciation of their character and work, and while we give God thanks for their good examples, do pray that we may so imitate their virtues, that with them we may have our perfect consummation of bliss, both of body and soul, in God's eternal and heavenly kingdom.

Resolved, That the Report and Memorial of the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members be printed as an Appendix to the Journal of this House. (See Appendix VII.)

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, from the Joint Committee on the German Prayer Book, presented a Report. (For the Report, see fifteenth day's proceedings of the House of Bishops.)

On motion, the resolution accompanying the Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition and appeal, signed by sundry Clergymen and Laymen, touching changes in the Baptismal Office, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book.

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, in behalf of the Rev. Dr. Hall, of the same Diocese, presented the following resolutions, which were placed on the Calendar : —

Resolved, That this House is unwilling, as now advised, to adopt the special legislation by which it is proposed to amend Canon 21 of Title I of the Digest, and believes that it is inexpedient to regulate by Canon, under the penalties of trial, the inculcation of Christian holiness and doctrine, to which the Clergy are sufficiently bound by the inspired Word of God and the express obligations of their vows of Ordination; and, moreover, is of the opinion that the incorporation of the subject-matter of the proposed Section xi of Canon 21, as contained in Message No. 5, into the forthcoming Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops, would meet the wishes and satisfy the needs of the Church, and, therefore, the House of Deputies does not concur in the said Message No. 5 of the House of Bishops.

Resolved, That this action be communicated to the House of Bishops, with the affectionate assurance on the part of the members of this body that we are prepared to listen with reverent and devout minds to their godly counsel and advice.

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar : —

Resolved, That the "Order of the Organization of the House of Deputies and prescribing the duties of the Secretary" be amended as follows, viz.: Insert in the third line after the word "absence" the words "one of," and after the word "Assistant" the words "Secretaries in order of appointment," and change the word "both" to "all" in the fourth line, and change the word "an" to "all" in the fourth line on the 144th page, and the word "the" to "an" in the tenth line of the same page.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, of Mississippi, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire and report to this House whether Title I, Canon 15, Section xvi, sub-section 4, excludes a Missionary Bishop who has resigned, or may hereafter resign, his Missionary Jurisdiction, from being eligible by election to the Episcopate of a Diocese in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fulton, of Wisconsin, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be requested to consider the expediency of amending Canon 22 of Title I, by striking out of Section i, in lines one and two, the words "before all sermons and lectures," and the word "other," and of enacting a new Canon, "Of the Preaching of God's Word," to be numbered Canon 23 of Title I, as follows:—

CANON 23.

Of the Preaching of God's Word to the People.

The Ministers of this Church, being canonically licensed thereto, may not only preach the Word of God in Sermons, as is provided in the Rubric in the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, but shall be instant in preaching the same as opportunity shall occur after the Ordinary Services of Morning and Evening Prayer, even when the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper is not appointed to be used; and if need shall require that the Word of God be preached when the Morning and Evening Prayer be not said, the Minister shall, at the least, use the Lord's Prayer and one or more prayers taken from the Book of Common Prayer.

The Rev. Mr. Scheetz, of Missouri, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar:—

Resolved, That the committee to which is referred the subject of a diminished representation in this House, be requested to consider whether such representation should not be made proportionate to the number of Clergy and communicants in the respective Dioceses, and also to consider whether the expenses of Deputies in the fulfilment of their duties as such should not be paid out of a fund assessed on the Dioceses on the same basis.

Mr. Todd, of Kansas, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:—

WHEREAS, Whenever a building erected for the worship of Almighty God, and given and consecrated to Him and His service, thenceforth becomes a place where all of his children, in whatever condition or circumstance they may be placed in the world, should be permitted to meet, and have a place to worship one common Father; and

WHEREAS, The sale and rental of sittings in such consecrated places is contrary to the spirit of the free Gospel of our blessed Lord; therefore be it

Resolved, That, this House discountenance the sale and rental of sittings in consecrated churches, and recommend that the system be done away with as fast as may be, to further the great work the Church has in the world.

Mr. Race, of Louisiana, offered the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were indefinitely postponed:—

WHEREAS, The necessity of reducing the expenses of the sessions of the General Convention has been felt and suggested by the Committee on Expenses; and

WHEREAS, A very large portion of the expenses are incurred in the publication of the debates of the House of Deputies; and

WHEREAS, The publication of the debates induces more discussion than is necessary to judicious legislation; therefore be it

Resolved, That all debates in the House of Deputies be omitted from the published Journal of the General Convention, in the same way they are omitted from the Journal of the House of Bishops.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth, of Albany, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report to the next General Convention what is the law of the Church, in relation to the constitution of Vestries and the qualifications for membership therein; and that they also report what legislation, if any, in their opinion is necessary and desirable on the subject.

Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky, presented a draft of a Canon, "Of Brotherhoods," which was referred to the Special Joint Committee on the resolutions on Church Work.

The Rev. Mr. Alger, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book:—

Resolved, That Section i of Canon 22 of Title I be repealed, and that the following Canon be adopted:—

"At the usual occasions of Public Worship on Sundays and Holy Days, the order of Morning and Evening Prayer shall be used as in the Prayer Book prescribed. At the ordinary Services on all other days, the Minister may begin the Service either with the General Confession or the Lord's Prayer, and may use only one each of the appointed Lessons and Canticles. On all other occasions the Minister may compile and use a Service at his discretion, to be taken only from the Book of Common Prayer."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting, on the part of this House, of three Clergymen and three Laymen, be appointed to report to the House an appropriate place for holding the next session of the General Convention.

The President appointed as members of said Committee on the part of this House, the Rev. Drs. Dix, of New York, and Rudder, of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Mr. Stanger, of Southern Ohio, Messrs. Fish, of New York, Welsh, of Pennsylvania, and Gill, of Missouri.

The Rev. Mr. Douglass, of Delaware, offered the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were laid on the table:—

WHEREAS, Uniformity in the worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church has always been deemed desirable; and

WHEREAS, Diversity of opinion exists as to the interpretation of the Rubric in the Communion Office relating to the presentation of the alms at the Offertory, in reference to the proper posture to be observed; therefore be it

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book, to inquire whether any change in the Rubric as it now stands is needed to effect and continue said uniformity.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolution, which was placed on the Calendar:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting, on the part of the House of Bishops, of three Bishops, and on the part of this House of three Presbyters and three Laymen, be appointed to prepare and to

present to the next General Convention a brief collection of anthems, in the words of Holy Scripture, or in the words of the Prayer Book of the Church of England, the same, if approved, to become an appendix to the Hymnal.

The Rev. Mr. Hunt, of Alabama, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following be made known to the several Dioceses, to be inserted as a Rubric in the Order for the Burial of the Dead, immediately after the Lesson in that Office, to wit:—

Here may be sung an Hymn, and also the following Collects and Prayers may be used, at the discretion of the Minister: the Collect for the twelfth Sunday after Trinity, the Collects for Easter Even and Easter Day, the Prayer for a person under affliction, and the Prayer in the Order for the Visitation of the Sick beginning, “O God, whose days are without end,” and concluding with the lesser Benediction.

The Rev. Mr. Alger, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table:—

Resolved, That, if any motions, resolutions, or other matter referred to any Standing or Special Committee, cannot, for want of time or other reason, be duly considered and reported upon at this Convention, or are not so considered and reported upon, the President may appoint a Special Committee of five Clerical and five Lay Deputies to take and consider such motions, resolutions, or other matter, and report upon the same to the next General Convention.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 40.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in the proposed additional amendment of Clause [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III, proposed by the House of Deputies in its Message No. 29. [Relating to a nomination by the Vestry, of the Rector of a foreign Church.]

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 41.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Standing Committee of the House of Bishops on the General Theological Seminary have leave to sit with the Committee of the House of Deputies on the General Theological Seminary.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 25.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 32 from the House of Bishops, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II, communicated by them in their Message No. 32, with the addition of the following clause:—

[2.] Deposition, displacing, and all like expressions are the same as degradation.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT No. 26.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 35 from the the House of Bishops, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Canon 7 of Title II, communicated by them in their Message No. 35, with the amendment that the Title of the Canon be restored, as follows: "Of a Clergyman absenting himself from his Diocese."

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 11 of the Committee on Canons, with the motion of the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Illinois, made in yesterday's session, to lay the whole subject on the table. (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings.)

On a division of the House, the motion prevailed, — ayes 116, nays 60.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 42.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs with the House of Deputies in electing Lloyd W. Wells, Esq., of the Diocese of New York, to be Treasurer of the General Convention.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book:—

BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 43.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following suffrage and response be inserted in the Litany immediately after the supplication for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, viz.:—

"That it may please Thee, O Lord of the Harvest, to send forth labourers into Thy Harvest:

"We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!"

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this proposed change be communicated to the several Dioceses, according to the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 44.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concurs in the election of the persons named in the list communicated to it in Message 21 from the House of Deputies (and herewith returned to the House of Deputies) as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 45.

The House of Bishops asks leave of the House of Deputies to amend its Message No. 38 (appointing members on the part of the House of Bishops of a Joint Committee on the subject of securing from the Government the full protection of the civil law), by substituting the names of the Bishops of Connecticut and Pennsylvania for those of the Bishops of Minnesota and Niobrara.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, permission was granted to the House of Bishops to make the substitution requested in Message No. 45.

The House proceeded to the Special Order of the Day, to wit, Report No. 19 of the Committee on Canons relating to Federate Councils, etc. (For the Report, see thirteenth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 13 of the Committee on Canons, relating to the Restoration of Deposed Ministers. (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Cady, of New York, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the resolution appended to Report No. 19 of the Committee on Canons.

Mr. Parker, of New Jersey, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

On a division of the House, the motion prevailed, — ayes 100, nays 73.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 14 of the Committee on Canons, relating to the meaning of the words "agreeably to the rubric." (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit,

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, relating to a change in the legal title of the Church. (For the Report, see eleventh day's proceedings.)

The question recurring on the resolution accompanying said Report, the Clerical deputation of the Diocese of Pennsylvania called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy, there were forty-four Dioceses represented, — ayes 43, nays 1.

Of the Laity, there were thirty-nine Dioceses represented, — ayes 39.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Stringfellow, Banister, and Massey, — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Nay*.

ALBANY. — The Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Dr. Harison. — *Aye*.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers, and the Rev. Mr. Hill. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Dr. Ayrault, the Rev. Mr. Lockwood, and the Rev. Dr. McKnight. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Mr. Marple, the Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Messrs. Whitehead, and Leverett. — *Aye*.

CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, and the Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Aye*.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Douglass, and Littell. — *Aye*.

EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barber, and Stearns. — *Aye*.

FLORIDA. — The Rev. Dr. Steele. — *Aye*.

FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Mr. Averill. — *Aye*.

GEORGIA. — The Rev. Dr. Benedict, and the Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone. — *Aye*.

ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, Locke, and Leffingwell. — *Aye*.

INDIANA. — The Rev. Dr. Wakefield. — *Aye*.

IOWA. — The Rev. Messrs. Trimble, and Seymour. — *Aye*.

KANSAS. — The Rev. Drs. Reynolds, and Beatty, and the Rev. Messrs. Coxe, and Loring. — *Aye*.

KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Drs. Shipman, and Perkins, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Aye*.

LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Dr. Drowne. — *Aye*.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault, and the Rev. Dr. Percival. — *Aye*.

MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, and Alger. — *Aye*.

MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, Dalrymple, and Leeds. — *Aye*.

MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Drs. Burgess, Huntington, Vinton, and Lambert. — *Aye*.

MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Drs. Worthington, and Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane. — *Aye*.

MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, and the Rev. Mr. Whipple. — *Aye*.

MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Marks. — *Aye*.

MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, the Rev. Messrs. Scheetz, and Dunlop, and the Rev. Dr. Ingraham. — *Aye*.

NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Mr. Millsbaugh, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Mr. Paterson. — *Aye*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Drs. Hubbard, and Eames. — *Aye*.

NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Dr. Garrison, the Rev. Mr. Langford, and the Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker. — *Aye*.

NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Cady, Dix, and Seymour. — *Aye*.

- NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Watson, Buxton, and Huske. — *Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, and the Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Brown. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, Rudder, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. — *Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Smith, and Alsop. — *Aye*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Richards, Henshaw, and Magill. — *Aye*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Pinckney, and Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough, and Johnson. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Drs. Burr, Boyd, and Morrell, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Dr. White, the Rev. Mr. Fitts, and the Rev. Dr. Harris. — *Aye*.
 TEXAS. — The Rev. Messrs. Bird, Benners, and Clemens. — *Aye*.
 VERMONT. — The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, and Atwill, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hanckel, Norton, Minnigerode, and Gibson. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, Ingersoll, and Howard. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

- ALABAMA. — Mr. Clark. — *Aye*.
 ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, and Forsyth. — *Aye*.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. Comstock, Clark, McWhorter, and Moss. — *Aye*.
 CONNECTICUT. — Mr. Stark. — *Aye*.
 DELAWARE. — Messrs. Curtis, and Bates. — *Aye*.
 EASTON. — Messrs. Adkins, Goldsborough, and Walker. — *Aye*.
 FLORIDA. — Mr. Ambler. — *Aye*.
 FOND DU LAC. — Mr. Jenkins. — *Aye*.
 GEORGIA. — Messrs. Whittle, and Johnson. — *Aye*.
 ILLINOIS. — Mr. Judd. — *Aye*.
 INDIANA. — Messrs. Duy, and Howe. — *Aye*.
 IOWA. — Mr. Moor. — *Aye*.
 KANSAS. — Mr. Todd. — *Aye*.
 KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Stevenson, Cornwall, and Robinson. — *Aye*.
 LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Pierrepont, Hunter, and Nicoll. — *Aye*.
 LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur, and Mr. Race. — *Aye*.
 MAINE. — Mr. Bridge. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — Messrs. Magruder, Brune, and Harrison. — *Aye*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Winthrop, and Bennett. — *Aye*.
 MICHIGAN. — Mr. Baldwin. — *Aye*.
 MINNESOTA. — Messrs. Wilder, and Holbrook. — *Aye*.
 MISSISSIPPI. — Mr. Bailey. — *Aye*.
 MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill, and Gen. Simpson. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Mr. Low. — *Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Wilson, Parker, and Conover. — *Aye*.
 NEW YORK. — Mr. Fish. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, J. G. Martin, and W. F. Martin. — *Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Garthwaite. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Delano. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, Harrison, and Hazlehurst. — *Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Aye*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Babcock, Goddard, and Hoppin. — *Aye*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — Mr. McCrady. — *Aye*.

SOUTHERN OHIO.—Messrs. Horton, and McGuffey.—*Aye.*

TENNESSEE.—Messrs. McNeal, and Fairbanks.—*Aye.*

VERMONT.—Mr. Redfield.—*Aye.*

VIRGINIA.—Messrs. Sheffey, and Parker.—*Aye.*

WESTERN MICHIGAN.—Mr. Chapin.—*Aye.*

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Messrs. Montgomery, and White.—*Aye.*

DIOCESE VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

WISCONSIN.—The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, and Cole.—*Nay.* The Rev. Dr. Fulton.—*Aye.*

The resolution accompanying the Report was therefore adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, the resolution of Mr. Meads, of Albany (offered on the eleventh day of the session), relating to a revised Table of Lessons.

Mr. Meads offered the following resolution as a substitute :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the committee to whom it has been referred to prepare and report a Table of Lessons for Sundays and Holy days, be authorized also to prepare and report a Table of Lessons for the whole Calendar, including the week days, provided, however, that this resolution shall not preclude the action of this House on the proposed Lectionary for Lent.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McKnight, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That three Laymen be added to the Committee on the Lectionary.

The President appointed as such additional members of said committee

Messrs. Shattuck, of Massachusetts; Redfield, of Vermont; and McWhorter, of Central New York.

On motion of Mr. Cornwall, of Kentucky, it was

Resolved, That the twenty-third Rule of Order be suspended, and that during the remainder of this session no member be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any question, unless by consent of two thirds of the House.

Mr. Mills, from the Special Joint Committee appointed at the last General Convention to consider the force of joint resolutions, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar :—

The Special Joint Committee appointed by the last General Convention to inquire and report to this Convention as to the force, relative to the legislation and discipline of the Church, of any Joint Resolution passed by the two Houses, respectfully

REPORT.

The terms "Constitutions" and "Canons" are the usual appropriate terms for those acts of ecclesiastical legislation which declare a rule or measure of conduct,

and are prospective in operation. In ancient councils, in the mass of laws in the English Annals, found in Johnson's Collections from the year 740, these are the terms employed. Rescripts, decretals, and capitularies are edicts of particular powers, of a more local character. The term "joint resolutions" is known in our own civil and ecclesiastical legislation. Under the Constitution of the United States, Article IV, a new State may be admitted into the Union by Congress.

This has been done sometimes by a joint resolution of the two Houses, as in the case of Indiana in 1816, Illinois in 1818, and Texas in 1845; sometimes by Act of Congress, as in the instances of Maine, Kentucky, and Michigan.

But by the seventh Section of Article 3, every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the two Houses is necessary (except questions of adjournment) shall be approved by the President, or, if disapproved, repassed by two thirds, etc.

Thus all three are placed on the same footing. The fifth Article of the Constitution of the Church provides that new Dioceses may be admitted into union.

This has been carried out by joint resolution. The case of Arkansas (1871) is an example. A Section of a Canon of 1874 regulates this matter to some extent.

Joint resolutions may be classed under several heads:—

(1.) There is a class expressive of sympathy, congratulation, or courtesy merely.

The cases of intercourse with the Church of Sweden (1857), and as to the Russo-Greek Church (1874), are examples.

(2.) Resolutions recommending a particular action or course of conduct to the members of the Church, or bodies of it. We have instances in the resolution as to almsgiving on the first day of the week (1859), and as to Associate Rectors (1808).

(3.) There are numerous instances of joint resolutions merely expressing an opinion of the two Houses that particular practices should be avoided, or particular measures pursued. The action in 1859, as to almsgiving, was of this character. That of 1841, as to free sittings, was similar.

The opinion of the House of Bishops sought for by the House of Deputies, on Ceremonies and Rubrics, may be thus classed.

(4.) We have a class which relates to the General Convention as an organized body,—the mode of action of itself and its agencies.

The admission of new Dioceses, the action as to Board of Missions, Theological Seminary, etc., may be thus arranged.

(5.) But there is a body of joint resolutions which on their face have the character of a positive act of legislation.

In 1808 it was jointly resolved that it is the sense of this Church that it is inconsistent with the law of God, and therefore the Ministers of this Church *shall not unite in matrimony* any person who is divorced, unless such divorce have been granted on account of the adultery of the other party. And it was also resolved that the Ministers of this Church ought not to perform the funeral service in the case of any person who shall give or accept a challenge to a duel. In 1856, in the House of Deputies, a resolution was referred, to consider the propriety of preparing a Canon which should effectually accomplish the objects of the resolutions of 1808, above cited.

The Committee on Canons reported that it was inexpedient to legislate on the subject of marriage with a divorced person, and on the subject of duelling proposed a Canon forbidding the reading of the burial service over the body of one who had died of a wound received in a duel, unless he had evinced sincere repentance. The House refused to accept the Canon.

In 1868 a Committee of the House of Bishops upon Marriage and Divorce made a Report, in which they recited the resolution of 1808 as "an opinion pronounced by the General Convention," and submitted a Canon upon the subject of Divorce. This was unanimously adopted, and after some amendments in the other House, was passed as it is now in force. (See Canon 13, Title II.)

The resolution of 1808, as to marrying a divorced party, was as imperative in language as the Canon of 1868; yet the House of Bishops treat it as an opinion only, and there is no trace in our Church annals of its having been treated as a law.

Again, we have a joint resolution of the General Convention, adopted in 1865, that it is the sense of this Church that it is incompatible with the duty, position, and sacred calling of the Clergy to bear arms.

The Committee on Canons had reported a Canon on the subject. This Report was recommitted, with instructions to report, instead of a Canon, a declaratory resolution in nearly its present form.

In 1874 a joint resolution of both Houses expresses their opinion that the services are separable.

If this matter were to be discussed on general principles alone, and the effect of joint resolutions were to be now for the first time determined, there seems to be no good reason why a joint resolution which commands or prohibits should not have, in our legislation, the same force and effect as a Canon.

In many of the United States of America, their Constitutions provide an enacting clause, and the use of that is necessary for the passage of a law in those States. Our Constitution says nothing about an enacting clause, or the form of words necessary to create a law or Canon. This Convention uses, in passing a Canon and in passing a joint resolution, the same word, "resolve." Where a Canon is intended to be passed, the word "Canon" is also used.

Reviewing the action of this Convention since its organization, in regard to joint resolutions, we find, however,

1. That no penalty has ever been provided in any joint resolution passed by it.

2. That in Canon 2, Title II, which sets forth the offences for which Ministers may be tried and punished, it is provided that every Minister may be tried and punished for the violation of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, but no provision is made for the violation of a joint resolution.

3. That at different times one of the constituent Houses of this Convention has, in direct words, declared a joint resolution to be the mere expression of the opinion of the Convention, and that both Houses appear to have always given that construction to a joint resolution.

4. That this Convention has refused to pass Canons submitted to it on certain subjects, and has passed, immediately thereafter, joint resolutions, in almost the same words used in the proposed Canons.

5. That it has passed Canons for the expressed purpose of putting into the form of law that which had theretofore been merely in the form of joint resolutions.

In view of these precedents, and this long-continued and unvarying construction given by the Convention to joint resolutions, this committee recommend the adoption of the following

RESOLUTIONS.

First, That the joint resolutions heretofore passed by the General Convention have never been deemed to have, and ought not to be construed as having, the force of law, but as being merely the expression of an opinion.

Second, That in view of the different doctrine prevailing in the civil courts of our country, and to remove all doubt for the future, an amendment should be made to the Constitution, which will require all future legislation to be by Canon.

Third, That a joint resolution professing to interpret a law is only an opinion, of great weight indeed, but not obligatory.

All which is respectfully submitted this twentieth day of October, 1877.

F. D. HUNTINGTON.
WM. WOODRUFF NILES.
H. N. PIERCE.
CHARLES MINNIGERODE.
GEORGE F. COMSTOCK.
HAMILTON FISH.
ALFRED MILLS.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit,

the resolution of the Rev. Dr. DeKoven (offered on the eleventh day of the session), relating to the use of the Lectionary of the Church of England.

Pending a motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Canons, the House adjourned.

SEVENTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, October 22, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, and the Rev. Dr. Hull, of Vermont.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Iowa.

The Minutes of the sixteenth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The President appointed Mr. Garthwaite, of Northern New Jersey, in place of Mr. Fish, of New York, on the Joint Committee to select a place for the meeting of the next General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 9.

The Committee on Elections begs leave to report:—

That leave of absence for the remainder of the session has been granted to the Rev. Mr. Hill, and the Rev. Mr. Brewer, of the Diocese of California, the Rev. Dr. Abercombie, of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, the Rev. Dr. Norton, of the Diocese of Virginia, the Rev. Mr. Seymour, of the Diocese of Iowa, the Rev. Dr. Leffingwell, of the Diocese of Illinois, the Rev. Mr. Farr, of the Diocese of Ohio, and the following Lay Deputies: Mr. Goldsborough, of Easton, Mr. Bailey, of Mississippi, Mr. Devereux, of Ohio, Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh, Mr. Taylor, of Virginia, Mr. Magruder, of Maryland, Gen. Simpson, of Missouri, and Mr. McNeal, of Tennessee.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

Mr. Welsh, from the Joint Standing Committee on Indian Affairs, presented the following Report:—

The Standing Committee on Indian Affairs, appointed by the House of Bishops, with the concurrence of the House of Deputies (see page 160, Journal 1874), with authority to co-operate with the Board of Missions in promoting the civilization of Indians, and to invoke the aid of the Government and the assistance of the Courts in their behalf, report, That they have endeavoured to be helpful to the cause by using the press and the voice in behalf of the Indians, as well as by personal interviews with committees of Congress, and with the executive officers of the Government. The President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, evince the strongest desire not

only to protect the Indians from the oppression and frauds that have so long disgraced this nation, but also to afford them the protection of the laws of the United States, and to assist in procuring the legislation necessary to promote Indian civilization, by adopting some intelligent and permanent policy that will claim the confidence of the people, of their Representatives in Congress, and of the Indians also.

The best practicable plan yet suggested is to form an Indian Bureau, composed of one of the Cabinet officers as chairman, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs as its executive officer, two army officers not below the rank of colonel, and two eminent civilians, — all but the Cabinet officer to be appointed for five or ten years, subject to removal for cause. It is believed that Congress will afford the legislation necessary, and that through the agency of such a Bureau most of the Indians can be induced to abandon their tribal relations, become agriculturists or herdsmen, wards of the Government, and productive citizens.

Powerful bands of Sioux and Arrapahoe Indians, hitherto untamable, were represented at Washington, a few weeks since, by a large delegation, including Spotted Tail, Red Cloud, and other chiefs. These wild men, some of whom had been fighting under Sitting Bull, all plead most earnestly not only for farms and implements, but for schools and churches, as the only hope for their children. They seemed to be impressed with the belief that the Government is powerless to fulfil its solemn pledges to protect them on their reservations, and they, therefore, asked for farms, and such helps as are needful to enable them to become civilized, like white men.

Your committee are much encouraged by the great success of the Missions of the Church to Indians, in which devoted men and women are cheerfully labouring at much personal sacrifice, because their labours are blessed of God.

In conclusion your committee invoke the aid of every member of this Convention, and of all other good citizens, in a combined effort to protect the Indians in their rights and to promote their early civilization and Christianization.

Respectfully submitted by

WM. WELSH,
J. W. STEVENSON,
JOHN W. ANDREWS,
HUGH W. SHEFFEY,
BENJ. STARK,
C. C. AUGUR,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs be continued until the next General Convention.

Mr. Hunter, from the Committee of Conference to nominate a Joint Committee on the subject of Godly Discipline of the Laity, presented the following Report: —

The Committee of Conference, appointed to nominate a Joint Committee on the subject of Godly Discipline of the Laity, reports the following as continuing and reconstituting said committee, this nomination being made with especial reference to the convenience of their assembling, viz.: —

The Bishops of Delaware, Easton, and Pittsburgh; the Rev. Drs. Lewin, of Maryland, Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, and Potter, of New York; and Messrs. Brune, of Maryland, Coppée, of Central Pennsylvania, and Conover, of New Jersey.

In behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED LEE, *Chairman.*

On motion, the persons nominated in the Report were chosen.

The Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, called up his resolution relating to the time of final adjournment, and amended it so as to read as follows : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this Convention adjourn *sine die* on Wednesday evening next.

On motion, the resolution thus amended was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Whipple, of Minnesota, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted : —

WHEREAS, Our brethren in Canada have organized the Province of Manitoba, comprising a large portion of British North America ; therefore be it

Resolved, That we send to these faithful brethren, engaged in carrying the Gospel throughout this vast region, our fraternal regard, and assure them of our sympathy and love.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knight, of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the President be requested to present to his Honor the Mayor of Boston, and to the Directors of the Public Institutions, the thanks of this House for the very delightful excursion of Friday last.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops : —

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
MESSAGE No. 46. October 20, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Committee on the proposed version of the Prayer Book in the German Language be continued until the next Triennial meeting of the General Convention.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in the foregoing Message.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops : —

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
MESSAGE No. 47. October 20, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has nominated as Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona, the Reverend David Buel Knickerbacker, D.D., Rector of Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, in the Diocese of Minnesota.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Breck, of Central Pennsylvania, the subject of Message No. 47 was made the Order of the Day for this afternoon at half past two o'clock.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops, and placed on the Calendar : —

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
MESSAGE No. 48. October 20, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has received the Report of the Joint Committee to nominate a Board of Missions, and has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the persons named in the Report of the said Joint Committee [herewith communicated] be elected members of the Board of Missions, and that notice thereof be sent to the House of Deputies for its concurrence.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops: —

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 49.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message 36, from the House of Deputies [appointing a Joint Committee on place for holding next General Convention], and appoints as members of the Joint Committee on the part of the House of Bishops, the Bishop of Rhode Island, the Bishop of Albany, and the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 50.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 37, from the House of Deputies, amending Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II, by the addition of the following clause: —

[2.] Deposition, displacing, and all like expressions are the same as degradation.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, the unfinished business of yesterday, being the resolution of the Rev. Dr. DeKoven relating to the use of the English Lectionary.

A motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Canons was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the resolution, the Lay Deputation of the Diocese of North Carolina called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-two Dioceses represented, — ayes 42.

Of the Laity there were thirty-two Dioceses represented, — ayes 30, nays 2.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Stringfellow, Banister, and Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.

ALBANY. — The Rev. Dr. Payne, and the Rev. Mr. Battershall. — *Aye*.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers, and the Rev. Mr. Hill. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Ayrault, and McKnight, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Mr. Leverett. — *Aye*.

CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, and the Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Aye*.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Brooks, and Littell. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Douglass. — *Nay*.

- EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barber, Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns. — *Aye*.
 FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor. — *Aye*.
 GEORGIA. — The Rev. Dr. Benedict, and the Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone. — *Aye*.
 ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, and Locke. — *Aye*.
 INDIANA. — The Rev. Dr. Wakefield. — *Aye*.
 IOWA. — The Rev. Messrs. Ryan, and Trimble. — *Aye*.
 KANSAS. — The Rev. Drs. Reynolds, and Beatty, and the Rev. Messrs. Coxe, and Loring. — *Aye*.
 KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Drs. Shipman, and Perkins, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Aye*.
 LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Dr. Hall. — *Aye*.
 LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault. — *Aye*.
 MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, and Alger. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, and Dalrymple. — *Aye*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Drs. Burgess, and Lambert. — *Aye*.
 MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Drs. Worthington, and Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane. — *Aye*.
 MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Mr. Whipple. — *Aye*.
 MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Pickett. — *Aye*.
 MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, the Rev. Mr. Scheetz, and the Rev. Dr. Ingraham. — *Aye*.
 NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Messrs. Millspaugh, Goodale, and Paterson. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Dr. Hubbard. — *Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Mr. Langford, and the Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Garrison. — *Nay*.
 NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Cady, and Seymour. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Buxton, and Huske. — *Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — The Rev. Mr. Bodine. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. — *Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Mills, Smith, and Alsop. — *Aye*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Richards, and Magill. — *Aye*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Pinckney, and Porter, and the Rev. Mr. McCollough. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Burr, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Drs. White, and Harris. — *Aye*.
 VERMONT. — The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, and Atwill, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Dr. Hanckel. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, Ingersoll, and Howard. — *Aye*.
 WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, and Adams. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

- ALABAMA. — Mr. Clark. — *Aye*.
 ALBANY. — Messrs. Forsyth, and Tremain. — *Aye*.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. Clarke, McWhorter, and Moss. — *Aye*.
 CONNECTICUT. — Mr. Stark. — *Aye*.
 DELAWARE. — Mr. Curtis. — *Aye*.
 FLORIDA. — Mr. Walker. — *Aye*.
 FOND DU LAC. — Mr. Jenkins. — *Aye*.
 GEORGIA. — Messrs. Whittle, Johnson, and Montgomery. — *Aye*.
 INDIANA. — Messrs. Duy, and Howe. — *Aye*.
 IOWA. — Mr. Moor. — *Aye*.
 KANSAS. — Mr. Todd. — *Aye*.

KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Cornwall, and Robinson. — *Aye*.
 LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Pierrepont, Hunter, and Nicoll. — *Aye*.
 LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur, and Mr. Race. — *Aye*.
 MAINE. — Mr. Bridge. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — Mr. Harrison. — *Aye*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Winthrop, and Bennett. — *Aye*.
 MICHIGAN. — Mr. Baldwin. — *Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Wilson, and Conover. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, J. G. Martin, and W. F. Martin. — *Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Garthwaite, and Mills. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, and Coffin. — *Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Aye*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Babcock, Stiness, and Goddard. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — Mr. Horton. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Aye*.
 VERMONT. — Mr. Redfield. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Parker. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Messrs. Montgomery, and White. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

LAY VOTE.

MINNESOTA. — Mr. Wilder. — *Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — Mr. McCrady. — *Nay*.

The resolution was therefore adopted by a constitutional majority of all the Dioceses.

The House proceeded to the Order of the Day, to wit, the Report of the Committee on the Lectionary for Lent. (For the Report, see seventh day's proceedings.)

The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of New Hampshire, offered the following resolution: —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That until the next General Convention, any Clergyman be permitted to use in place of the Table of Lessons appointed in the Calendar those reported to this Convention by the Joint Committee of the Lectionary for Lent.

On this resolution the Lay Deputation from the Diocese of South Carolina called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

The whole number of Dioceses represented in the Clerical Order was forty-two, — ayes 42.

Whole number of Dioceses represented in the Lay Order was twenty-nine, — ayes 27, nays 2.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

Alabama, Albany, California, Central New York, Central Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, Easton, Fond du Lac, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Long Island, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Northern New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Rhode

Island, South Carolina, Southern Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Western Michigan, Western New York, Wisconsin.

LAY VOTE.

Alabama, Albany, Central New York, Connecticut, Fond du Lac, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Long Island, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Northern New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Rhode Island, Southern Ohio, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Western New York.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

LAY VOTE.

Minnesota and South Carolina.

The resolution was accordingly adopted by a constitutional majority of all the Dioceses.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 7, of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution relating to the concurrent vote of Clerical and Lay Deputies. (For the Report, see twelfth day's proceedings.)

On motion, it was voted that the Report lie over for the consideration of the next General Convention.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 18 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see twelfth day's proceedings.)

The Rev. Dr. Hall, of Long Island, moved as an amendment to the resolution accompanying the Report the resolutions offered for him on Saturday by the Rev. Dr. Schenck.

On motion, the amendment was adopted.

On motion, the resolution thus amended was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, reported that satisfactory evidence has been received of the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Thos. B. Kemp, of Iowa, in place of the Rev. Mr. Seymour, of the same Diocese. Whereupon the Rev. Dr. Kemp appeared and took his seat.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, the Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 27.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 26 from the House of Bishops, proposing an amendment to Section i of Canon 2 of Title II, being of opinion that such an addition to the Canon is unnecessary,—the matter referred to being covered by the provisions of Canon 13 of Title I,—respectfully report, that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House does not concur with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Section i of Canon 2 of Title II, communicated to this House in Message No. 26 from the House of Bishops.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 28.

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred two proposed amendments, one to Section iv of Canon 6 of Title I, and the other to Section iv of Canon 8 of Title I [both being intended to require the interval of one month between a Candidate's passing his examination and his ordination], respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is not expedient to adopt the proposed amendments to the Canons, requiring an interval of one month between examination and ordination.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was made the Order of the Day for Tuesday, October 23, at 11 A. M.:—

REPORT NO. 29.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the report of the Joint Committee upon the Canon "*Of Deaconesses*," and also Message No. 21 from the House of Bishops proposing a Canon entitled "*Of Deaconesses or Sisters*," respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the adoption of the Canon "*Of Deaconesses or Sisters*," communicated by them in their Message No. 21, with the amendment that the said Canon read as follows:—

OF DEACONESSES AND SISTERS.

§ i. Women of devout character and approved fitness may be set apart by any Bishop of this Church for the work of a Deaconess or a Sister, according to such form as shall be authorized by the Bishop of any Diocese.

§ ii. The duties of Deaconesses and Sisters are declared to be chiefly the care of the poor and sick, the education of the young, the religious instruction of the neglected, the reclaiming of the fallen, and other works of moral reformation.

§ iii. All Deaconesses and Sisters so set apart shall be subject to the authority of the Bishop, under the canonical regulations of any Diocese in which they may severally reside.

§ iv. No Deaconess or Sister set apart under the provisions of this Canon shall exercise her office among the people of any Parish, except with the permission and under the oversight of the Minister thereof.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT NO. 30.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the Report of the Joint Committee of the two Houses on the Book of Common Prayer (to whom had been previously referred divers proposed plans for permitting the use of a shortened form of Daily Prayer on certain occasions of Divine Service), beg respectfully to report as follows:—

The Committee on Canons, being aware that the subject above named had, in various ways, been referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, and to the Committee on the Book of Common Prayer, of this House, asked and received permission from this House for these committees to confer together as a Joint Committee.

The three committees accordingly met, and it then appeared that, while there was entire unanimity among the members as to the necessity or expediency of the relief sought, there existed a serious difference as to the means by which it might or ought to be obtained. On the one hand, a Joint Committee of the two Houses had recommended the adoption of a Canon for that purpose; and on the other hand, the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and the Committee on Canons of this House were united in the opinion, that the Constitution of the Church restrains this Convention from amending the use of the Book of Common Prayer otherwise than as the Constitution directs, that is to say, by an amendment of the Rubrics. After much discussion it was resolved, almost unanimously, that the chairmen of the three committees, Drs. Beardsley, Hall, and Watson, together with Drs. Fulton and Huntington, should be authorized to frame a Rubric on the basis of the Canon proposed on pp. 44 and 45 of the Journal of 1874, and to present the same to the House of Deputies as the joint Report of the three committees.

The subcommittee, so appointed, prepared a Report in accordance with their instructions, and this Report was, by request, submitted to the Committee on the Book of Common Prayer. The Committee on the Prayer Book, having had the matter under advisement, instructed their chairman to communicate their opinion to the subcommittee as follows: That the joint committee, consisting of the three committees, not having had this subject specifically referred to them, would be out of order in presenting any report thereupon; and that the Report of the Joint Committee of the two Houses having been referred to the Committee on Canons, the Committee on Canons must make the necessary Report.

To this opinion of the Committee on the Prayer Book the subcommittee appointed by the three committees submitted, and accordingly left the matter to be considered and reported upon by the Committee on Canons. The Committee on Canons, therefore, submit to the Convention the following opinions as representing not only their own judgment, but, as they believe, the conviction of a large majority of the members of the three committees which have conferred upon this subject:—

1. That greater flexibility in the use of the Book of Common Prayer on week days and extraordinary occasions is necessary to the growth and usefulness of the Church.
2. That the right of the Convention to regulate the use of the Book of Common Prayer by mere ordinary Canon is, to say the least, so questionable, and that such a Canon, if adopted, would be of such doubtful validity, that this House ought not to enter upon any such legislation.
3. That the end aimed at can best be reached by the adoption of a rubrical order concerning Divine Service, which shall change nothing either of the form or of the substance of the Book of Common Prayer, but which may sufficiently provide for shorter Services, when such Services may be necessary on other days than Sundays, and the greater Festivals and Fasts.

The Committee on Canons, therefore, beg respectfully to present the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following *Order concerning Divine Service*, to be inserted in the Book of Common Prayer immediately after "*The Order how the rest of Holy Scripture is appointed to be read*," be proposed and made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, in order that it may be

adopted in the next General Convention, according to Article 8 of the Constitution :—

“ORDER CONCERNING DIVINE SERVICE.

“On days other than Sunday, Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Ascension Day, it shall suffice if the Minister begin Morning or Evening Prayer at the General Confession or at the Lord's Prayer, and end with the Collect for Grace or for Aid against Perils, as the case may be, and 2 Cor. xiii, 14; using so much of the Lessons appointed for the day, and so much of the Psalter, as he shall judge to be for edification.

“*And note* that, on any day, the Morning Prayer, the Litany, or the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion may be used as a separate Service.

“*And note further* that, on any day when the Morning or Evening Prayer has been already used or is to be used, and upon days other than those first aforementioned, it shall suffice, when need may require, if the Minister say before a sermon or lecture the Lord's Prayer and one or more Collects found in this Book.”

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Reports, which were placed on the Calendar :—

REPORT No. 31.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 34 from the House of Bishops, proposing an amendment of Clause [3] of Section ii of Canon 1 of Title III, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House concurs in the amendment of Clause [3] of Section ii of Canon 1 of Title III, proposed by the House of Bishops in their Message No. 34.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 32.

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred four preambles and a resolution on the subject of Suffragan Bishops, respectfully report that for want of time fully to consider the subject, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject of Suffragan Bishops be deferred to the next General Convention.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops :—

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 51.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Committee created under the resolution communicated in Message No. 15 of the House of Deputies have leave to sit during the recess of the General Convention.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 52.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in the amendment to Canon 2 of Title IV contained in Message No. 31 from the House of Deputies (relating to the Enactment, Amendment, and Repeal of Canons, and a Joint Committee to certify changes).

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

Boston, Mass., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 53.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it does not concur in the amendment to Section ii of Canon 8 of Title I, contained in Message No. 22 from the House of Deputies [relating to time when a candidate for Priesthood may be ordained], for the reason that the proposed change in the Canon involves a great, and in the judgment of this House, unwise change in the policy which has been hitherto observed both in the Church of England and in this Church with regard to the admission of persons recognized as ministers of other bodies of Christians to the ministry of this Church, and because, further, the proposed amendment imposes undue restrictions upon the Bishops which are at variance with the Rubric in the Ordinal.

The House of Bishops also informs the House of Deputies that it does not concur in Message No. 27 from the House of Deputies [recommending a repeal of Canon 4 of Title II], for the reason that it is not prepared entirely to remove from the Canons provisions which have formed a part of our code for more than seventy years. The House of Bishops therefore asks for a Committee of Conference.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of the House of Bishops, contained in its Message 53, be complied with, and a Committee of Conference be granted.

The President appointed as members of said committee, on the part of this House,

The Rev. Drs. Adams, of Wisconsin, Beers, of California, and Watson, of North Carolina; and Messrs. Wilder, of Minnesota, and Wilson, of New Jersey.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops:—

Boston, Mass., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 54.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it does not concur in Message No. 39 from the House of Deputies, proposing an amendment of Title III, Canon 8, for the reason that the entire subject of Federate Councils and Provinces [to which the proposed amendment relates] is in the hands of a special committee, with directions to report at the next General Convention.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following message was received from the House of Bishops, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Canons:—

Boston, Mass., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 55.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved (1st), That this House does not concur in the amendment to Title II, Canon 5, proposed in Message No. 33, from the House of Deputies, for the reason that in some parts the language of the proposed amendment is not sufficiently distinct, and that the provisions touching moral character are not sufficiently guarded.

Resolved (2d), the House of Deputies concurring, That Title II, Canon 5, be amended to read as follows:—

CANON 5. OF RENUNCIATION OF THE MINISTRY.

§ i. If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare in writing to the ecclesiastical authority of the

Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to which he belongs, his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, it shall be the duty of the ecclesiastical authority to record the declaration so made; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, of any Bishop who, being requested by such Standing Committee, shall consent to act in the matter, to depose such person from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or more Clergymen, that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry of this Church: *provided*, however, that if the Bishop shall be satisfied that the person so declaring is not amenable for any canonical offence, and that his renunciation of the Ministry is not occasioned by foregoing misconduct or irregularity, but is voluntary and for causes assigned or known, which do not affect his moral character, he shall so declare in pronouncing and recording said deposition, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so deposed; and he shall also give due notice of such deposition from the Ministry, to the ecclesiastical authority of every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church, in the form in which the same is recorded.

§ ii. If the ecclesiastical authority shall have reason to believe that the person so declaring has acted hastily and unadvisedly, action on such declaration may be postponed for the space of not more than six months, during which time such person may withdraw his application.

§ iii. If the ecclesiastical authority to whom such declaration is made shall have ground to suppose that the person making the same is liable to presentment for any canonical offence, such person may, in the discretion of the said ecclesiastical authority, be put upon trial for such offence, notwithstanding such declaration of renunciation of the Ministry.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The House took up the special Order of the Day, to wit, the election of a Missionary Bishop for New Mexico and Arizona, in secret session.

The Rev. Mr. Hill, of California, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to appoint a Missionary Bishop for New Mexico and Arizona at this time.

On a division of the House, the resolution was lost, — ayes 72, nays 106.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, it was

Resolved, That the House proceed to vote by ballot on the nomination of the Rev. David Buel Knickerbacker, D.D., as Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Battershall, of Albany, and Mr. Coffin, of Pennsylvania, as tellers of the Clerical vote; and the Rev. Dr. Eames, of New Hampshire, and Mr. Gill, of Missouri, tellers of the Lay vote. The tellers reported that there were of the Clergy 45 Dioceses represented, — ayes 39, nays 4, blank 1, divided 1; and of the Laity there were 31 Dioceses represented, — ayes 29, nays 2.

The President announced the election of the Rev. David Buel Knickerbacker, D.D., as Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona.

On motion of Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings in secret session.

The Rev. Dr. Dix, from the Special Committee on the place for holding the next General Convention, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the next General Convention be held in the city of New York.

The House took a recess until 7½ o'clock P. M.

The President having resumed the chair, on motion of Mr. Clarke, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three persons be appointed to draft appropriate resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Boston for courtesies extended to this Convention.

The President appointed as such Committee,—

The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, of Wisconsin, and Leeds, of Maryland, and Gen. Augur, of Louisiana.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
MESSAGE No. 56. October 22, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has appointed the Bishops of Florida and Illinois as the Committee on the part of the House of Bishops on an edition of the Book of Common Prayer in the Spanish Language.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
MESSAGE No. 57. October 22, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has received and adopted the Report of the Joint Committee on the Place of Meeting, recommending the city of New York as the place for holding the next Triennial Session of the General Convention.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
MESSAGE No. 58. October 22, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 43 from the House of Deputies [continuing the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs, and appointing Mr. Garthwaite instead of Mr. Fish on the Joint Committee on Place of Meeting].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
MESSAGE No. 59. October 22, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the subject of marriage with relatives be referred to a Joint Committee of five Bishops, three Presbyters, and two Laymen, with instructions to report to the next General Convention.

And the House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has appointed as the members of said Joint Committee on the part of this House, the Bishop of North Carolina, the Bishop of Rhode Island, The Bishop of Western New York, the Bishop of Long Island, and the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 60.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following be appointed as members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Churches, viz.: The Rev. William F. Morgan, D.D., the Rev. R. S. Howland, D.D., Hon. Hamilton Fish, and Mr. L. P. Morton, in accordance with the provisions of Title III, Canon 5, Section iii, Clause 7.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 61.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 35 from the House of Deputies [amending the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 62.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has appointed as the Committee of Conference to act with the Committee of Conference from the House of Deputies, communicated in Message No. 49 from the House of Deputies [relating to a repeal of Canon 4 of Title II, "Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations, etc."], the Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of North Carolina, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Long Island, and the Bishop of Massachusetts.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The House took up the Order of the Day, to wit, the Report of the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, relating to proposed changes in the Board of Missions. (For the Report, see fifteenth day's proceedings.)

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the said Report, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 33.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the Report of the Joint Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, respectfully report that in the brief time allowed to them, and in view of the fact that the proposed Constitution of the Society has been considered and reported upon by a Joint Committee, they have not entered upon a full consideration of the proposed measure with reference to its policy, but have confined themselves chiefly to the legal questions involved, making a few changes. The committee are of opinion that the Convention may, if it see fit to do so, change the Constitution of the Society in the manner proposed; but they also think it desirable that a legal committee should be appointed to obtain any legislation that they may think desirable in the State of New York. The amended Canon and the resolution with reference to the above-mentioned committee are as follows:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 9 of Title III is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

CANON 9.

Of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

§ 1. The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows:—

Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as established in 1820, and since amended at various times:—

ARTICLE I. This institution shall be denominated the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

ARTICLE III. There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of this Church, Bishops and Deputies sitting apart as in General Convention, or together when they shall so decide.

ARTICLE IV. It shall be the duty of the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, to appoint a Board of Managers, from the whole Church in the United States, comprising all the Bishops of this Church as *ex officio* members, fifteen Clergymen and fifteen Laymen, for the management of the General Missions of this Church, to remain in office until their successors are chosen, and to fill any vacancies that may occur. This Board of Managers shall, during the recess of the Convention, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. But nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any surviving Life-Members of the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE V. The Board of Managers is authorized to form, from its own members, a Committee for Domestic Missions, and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other committees as it may deem desirable to promote special Missionary work, and to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Managers being intrusted with the management of the general Missionary operations of the Church, is clothed with power to establish Missionary stations, appoint Missionaries, make appropriations of money, regulate the conducting of Missions, and enact all by-laws which they may deem necessary for their own government and for the government of their Committees; provided, always, that in relation to organized Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary stations, and, with the consent of the Bishops, select the stations.

ARTICLE VII. No Clergyman shall be appointed a Missionary by the Board, or by either of the Committees, until after conference with the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese or Missionary district to which he belongs, nor shall any Missionary be sent to officiate in any Diocese or Missionary district without the consent of the ecclesiastical authority of the same, except when regularly called by an organized parish in accordance with the Canons, both Diocesan and General; and no person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not at the time a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of regular standing; but nothing in this Section precludes the Committees from making pecuniary appropriations in aid of Missions under the care of other Churches in communion with this Church, or of employing Laymen or women, members of this Church, to do Missionary work.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers is authorized to promote the formation of auxiliary Missionary associations, whose contributions, as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid in accordance with the wish of the donors, when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public Missionary meetings, to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all auxiliaries, approved by the Board of Managers, may send one Clerical and one Lay delegate.

ARTICLE IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the General Convention of this Church.

§ ii. All Canons and all action by or under the authority of the General Convention, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon and of such amended Constitution, are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein shall in any manner impair or affect any corporate rights of the said society, or any vested right whatever.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a committee, consisting of Messrs. George F. Comstock, Thomas C. Montgomery, and Lyman Tremain, be and they are hereby authorized to procure from the legislature of the State of New York such further legislation in the premises, connected with Canon 9, Title III, as they may deem expedient.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*

The proposed Canon was taken up and considered.

On motion, the Title was adopted.

On motion, Article I was adopted.

On motion, Article II was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. DeKoven, of Wisconsin, moved to amend Article III by adding to the Article the words, "The Board of Missions, thus constituted, shall convene on the third day of the session of the General Convention, and shall sit from time to time as the business of the Board shall demand." The amendment was adopted, and on motion, the Article thus amended was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall, of Kentucky, offered the following amendment to the first part of Article IV, so that it would read as follows:—

There shall be a Board of Managers, comprising all the Bishops as *ex-officio* members, and fifteen Presbyters, and fifteen Laymen, to be appointed by the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, who shall have the management of the General Missions of this Church, and shall remain in office until their successors are chosen, and shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number.

The amendment was accepted by the committee.

The Rev. Dr. Seymour, of New York, moved to amend by adding the words, "—— Clerical Members and —— Lay Members shall constitute a quorum."

The amendment was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. DeKoven, of Wisconsin, moved to amend the Article by adding the following words:—

The Board of Managers shall report to the General Convention, constituted as a Board of Missions, on or before the third day of the session of the General Convention.

The amendment was adopted, and on motion, Article IV, thus amended, was adopted.

It was moved to amend Article V by inserting the words "is also authorized," after the word "and" in the last line but one.

The amendment was adopted.

On motion, the Article thus amended was adopted.

Mr. Coffin, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:—

WHEREAS, Intelligence has been received of the sudden death of the wife of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D., a Deputy of this House, and the Rector of this church, it is hereby

Resolved, That this House sincerely sympathizes with our reverend brother and his family in their severe affliction, and that the President of this House inform him of this token of our affection and regard for him.

On motion the House adjourned.

EIGHTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, October 23, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Percival, of Louisiana, and the Rev. Dr. Reynolds, of Kansas.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Kansas.

The Minutes of the seventeenth day's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, the House concurred in Messages Nos. 59 and 60 from the House of Bishops.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Anstice, of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the House of Bishops the testimonials of the Rev. David Buel Knickerbacker, D.D., Missionary Bishop elect of New Mexico and Arizona, the said testimonials having been signed by a constitutional majority of this House, and in pursuance of an order thereof.

The President appointed as members on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee for preparing an accurate translation of the Book of Common Prayer into the Spanish Language, —

The Rev. Joachim De Palma, the Rev. H. C. Riley, D.D., Mr. Henry Coppée, and Mr. Peter V. King.

The President appointed, as members on the part of this House of the Joint Committee on the subject of "Marriage with Relatives," —

The Rev. Dr. Coit, of New Hampshire; the Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland; and the Rev. Dr. Cady, of New York; Mr. Meads, of Albany; and Mr. Stark, of Connecticut.

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented a Report, with accompanying documents. (For the Report, etc., see Appendix I.)

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, the following resolution, accompanying the Report, was adopted :—

Resolved, That the view of the state of the Church here presented be transmitted to the House of Bishops, asking their prayers and blessing, and requesting them to prepare and cause to be published a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church.

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, from the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, presented the following Report :—

The Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom were referred two resolutions upon the subject of evangelists, beg to report that they have given to the matter their best consideration, and have reached the following conclusion, viz. :—

1. That the employment of evangelists by the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, or by the ecclesiastical authorities of the several Dioceses, is heartily commended whenever circumstances justify such action.

2. That the Church does not seem at this moment to open a very wide door to the entrance of this newly used agency, except among the freedmen of the South, where it appears to your committee such an instrumentality, wisely directed, would be of great practical value.

3. That in view of resolutions to the above effect passed by the Board of Missions, at its present session as well as at that of 1875, and also in view of the action taken by this House at its present session, looking to the more active engagement of men and women as evangelists, your committee are not prepared at this time to submit any project for the organization of specific work by evangelists, such as is contemplated in the resolutions referred to them, and would beg to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee had also referred to its consideration a proposed amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, designed to fix the exact time when the new Board, elected triennially, should effect its organization.

The action of the committee is, that inasmuch as the established usage has always been to organize the newly elected Board of Missions at the time that the old Board has transacted all its business and is ready to adjourn, so that the new Board shall come into existence only to organize and adjourn until the next annual meeting; and as this order does not appear to conflict with Article XIV as it now stands, so there does not appear to be any necessity for any legislation upon the subject, and your committee beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

NOAH HUNT SCHENCK, *Chairman*.

In accordance with their request, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Rev. Dr. Schenck, from the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, presented a Report, with accompanying documents. (For the Report, etc., see Appendix III.)

Mr. Shattuck, from the Joint Committee on Expenses, presented the following Report :—

The Joint Committee on Expenses respectfully report :—

That they have considered the various matters referred to them by the two Houses, and have given especial attention to the reduction of the expenses of the Convention, and to a more economical distribution of the Journal. They congratulate the Convention that during the past three years there has been a

decrease of upwards of three thousand dollars in the expenditures of the Convention. It is to be hoped, in view of certain recommendations of the committee, that there may be a still further lessening of the disbursements for printing and contingent expenses. Should this prove the case, a most desirable experiment may be tried with reference to the provision of hospitality, which, as exercised of late and as likely to be increased by the growth of the Church, is rapidly becoming a burden too heavy to be borne.

The committee recommend a reduction in the number of copies of the Journal issued under the authority and at the cost of the Convention. The publication of the *verbatim* Debates of the House of Deputies has served to diminish the interest in the Journal, which is necessarily a bare record of the processes of legislation, with a garnishing of appendices of statistics and reports. In the past, two copies of the bulky volume of eight hundred pages and upwards has been supplied to every Clergyman of the Church,—an exercise of lavish generosity unknown in any other religious body in the land. These volumes, prized, it may be, by the student of our history or by those personally concerned in the work of the Convention, tardily appear, and, save in a few instances, are little read or valued. The committee deem it worth the trial to enhance the value of this record of legislation by diminishing the supply of copies, and by furnishing, in addition to the copies required by the Deputies, at cost price, the copies desired by those who would really appreciate them.

In another matter a change of action has been inaugurated which it is worth while to explain. Heretofore the Secretaries of the two Houses have had no salaries, but at the expiration of three years of labour have received an *honorarium* for the services rendered during this long period of time. As provision has been made for the expenses of the Presiding Bishop year by year, for the future it has seemed best to the committee, in addition to the usual appropriation to the Secretaries of the last Houses of Bishops and Deputies, whose efficient services the committee gratefully recognize, to provide in future that a salary of \$500 for the first year and \$250 for each of the two succeeding years, shall be paid to the present Secretary of the House of Deputies, and a salary of \$150 for the first year and \$50 annually for the two succeeding years be paid to the Secretary of the House of Bishops. The committee recommend that the Secretaries of the two Houses have the right to draw on the Treasurer of the Convention for the expenses of their respective offices, and that the Treasurer be instructed to open a ledger account with each Diocese, in which shall be charged each assessment, so that for the future the payments or arrears of the various Dioceses may be clearly seen.

The subject of a less onerous dispensing of hospitality at the time of General Convention was referred to the committee, and has received, as it surely demanded, the fullest deliberation. The constantly increasing number of Deputies, the prospect that the length of the session can never be reduced beyond the limit of the past few Conventions, if it does not from time to time overlap that limit, requires that some provision should be made whereby the Convention shall provide in some way for the expense of the entertainment of the Clerical Deputies. It is out of the question to expect that this burden can be borne much longer by the few cities in which alone the Convention can be conveniently accommodated. A change in the amount of the assessment, and provision for its collection yearly instead of triennially, will enable the Convention to provide for the expenses of the Clerical Deputies while in actual attendance on their duties, and free the cities where the Convention is appointed to meet from this serious item of expense. The committee recommend that the assessment be changed to \$2 annually from each Clergyman, to be collected on or before the first day of October in each year. It should be remembered in this connection that the apparent increase is rather seeming than real, as, in consequence of frequent additional assessments required in preceding years, the sum collected from the Dioceses has been nearly the amount now required. By means of this assessment of \$2 per annum, the Convention will be able to pay \$2.50 per diem, each, for the expenses of the Clerical Deputies in actual attendance on the Convention, it being understood that this sum will be paid only on certificate from the proper officer of the Convention that the Deputies have actually performed their duties entitling them to 'his allowance,

and have actually incurred the expenses to be defrayed. Commending this experiment to favourable consideration, the committee recommend the passage of the following joint resolutions:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to report such changes in the Canon of assessment as shall make the sum required for the General Convention expenses \$2 per annum for each clergyman, the said annual assessment being due in advance, on and after the first day of October in each Conventional year.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to open a ledger account with the various Dioceses, and so keep the books of his office that the yearly payments or arrearage of the various Dioceses may be clearly seen.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Perry, and the Rev. Dr. Potter, Secretaries of the last Houses of Convention, the appropriations previously paid to them for their services at the last General Convention, and during the recess, to wit, to the Secretary of the last House of Deputies \$1,000, and to the Secretary of the last House of Bishops \$250; and that he be further instructed to pay to the present Secretary of the House of Deputies \$500 for the first year of the present Conventional period, and \$250 each for the two succeeding years, being in full up to the next General Convention; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops \$150 for the first, and \$50 for the two following years, as aforesaid; and that the Treasurer be further instructed to honour drafts of the Registrar of the Convention for the expenses of his office, not exceeding \$100 in each year.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be instructed to print 1,500 copies of the Journal and Digest, of which 200 shall be provided for Bishops and Churches abroad, the same number for institutions of learning, and 100 shall be reserved for the use of the next Convention, and a copy shall be supplied to each Bishop of the Church, and one to each Standing Committee, and to each Deputy to General Convention, and 500 shall be offered for sale.

Resolved, That 3,500 copies of the Digest be printed separately, to be supplied, one copy to each Bishop and Clergyman of the Church, and one to each Secretary of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the House of Deputies be instructed to sell the stereotype plates of the Journals since 1853, and pay over the amount received therefor to the Treasurer of the Convention, and that the Journal be not stereotyped hereafter.

Resolved, That at the next General Convention the sum of \$2.50 per diem be allowed to each Clerical Deputy in attendance, who has actually incurred this expense in his entertainment while performing his duty as a Deputy.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the two Houses and the Treasurer be appointed a Committee to devise a suitable method of keeping the books and accounts of the General Convention, with a view to proper methods of auditing, and to a permanent preservation of our financial records and accounts.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. TALBOT,

Bishop of Indiana, Chairman of the Joint Committee on the part of the House of Bishops.

GEO. C. SHATTUCK,

Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House of Deputies.

C. F. KNIGHT,

Secretary of the Joint Committee.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops, and, on motion, was concurred in:—

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 63.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the present Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and of Aged, Infirm, and Disabled Clergymen of this Church, be re-elected, viz. :—

The Bishop of Delaware, the Bishop of Easton, the Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., the Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., Messrs. Stephen P. Nash, William Alexander Smith, and Lloyd W. Wells.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops :—

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 64.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops does not concur in Message No 44 from the House of Deputies [fixing Wednesday evening as the time of final adjournment], for the reason that the amount of business lying between the two Houses does not seem to give reasonable expectation that it can be finished by the time proposed, and asks for a Committee of Conference.

The House of Bishops names as such Committee of Conference, on its own part,—

The Bishop of Ohio, the Bishop of Montana, and the Bishop of Iowa.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, the Committee of Conference, requested in Message No. 64 from the House of Bishops, was granted, and the President appointed the following persons as members of the committee on the part of this House :—

The Rev. Drs. Beers, of California, Pennell, of Albany, and Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York.

The Rev. Dr. Beers, from the Joint Committee of Conference on the Time of Adjournment, presented the following Report, and on motion, the resolution accompanying the Report was adopted :—

The Joint Committee of Conference, to which was referred the question of a disagreement of the two Houses as to the time of adjournment, respectfully report the following joint resolution :—

Resolved, That the two Houses meet in Trinity Church on Wednesday evening, October 24, at 7.30 o'clock, to listen to the reading of the Pastoral Letter, and that at the close of the Services the two Houses resume their sittings, and that the Convention finally adjourn at 12 M., on Thursday, October 25.

G. T. BEDELL,

Bishop of Ohio.

D. S. TUTTLE,

Bishop of Montana.

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY,

Bishop of Iowa.

H. W. BEERS.

GEO. C. PENNELL.

THOS. C. MONTGOMERY.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report :—

REPORT NO. 10.

The Committee on Elections begs leave to report :—

That satisfactory evidence has been received of the election of Mr. William F. Whitehouse as a supplemental Deputy to this Convention, from the Diocese of Illinois, and of his due appointment to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. George H. Harlow.

The committee would further report, that leave of absence for the remainder of the session has been granted to the following members of this House :—

Mr. Wm. H. Bray, of Alabama; the Rev. Mr. Marple, of Central Pennsylvania; Messrs. Seymour, and Johnson, of Connecticut; the Rev. Mr. McKim, and Messrs. Fell, and Bates, of Delaware; Mr. Walker, of Easton; Messrs. Benedict, and Ambler, of Florida; the Rev. Mr. Foute, and Mr. Montgomery, of Georgia; Messrs. Harlow, and Winston, of Illinois; the Rev. Dr. Wakefield, and Mr. Morrison, of Indiana; Mr. McConnell, of Louisiana; the Rev. Mr. Leffingwell, and Messrs. Ingalls, and Jackson, of Maine; Messrs. Harrison, and Blair, of Maryland; the Rev. Dr. Worthington, and Messrs. Baldwin, Rogers, and Eaton, of Michigan; Messrs. Farwell, Heywood, and Hatch, of New Hampshire; Mr. Hance, of New Jersey; Messrs. Fish, Davies, and Nash, of New York; the Rev. Dr. Farrington, and Mr. Meigs, of Northern New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. Rudder, and Mr. Hazlehurst, of Pennsylvania; Messrs. Hay, and Smith, of Pittsburgh; Mr. McGuffey, of Southern Ohio; the Rev. Mr. Bird, and Mr. Hutchins, of Texas; Messrs. Redfield, Clement, and Cannon, of Vermont; Mr. Parshall, of Western New York; Mr. Camp, of Wisconsin; Mr. Wm. F. Martin, of North Carolina; Mr. Columbus Delano, of Ohio; Messrs. Jacob Thompson, and Edmund Cooper, of Tennessee.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

Whereupon Mr. Whitehouse, of Illinois, appeared and took his seat.

The House took up the Order of the Day, to wit, Report No. 29 of the Committee on Canons, on Message No. 21, relating to "Deaconesses and Sisters." (For the Report, see seventeenth day's proceedings.)

Mr. Sheffey presented the following minority Report from the same committee :—

The undersigned, members of the Committee on Canons, dissent from the majority of the committee in respect to the matter of Deaconesses and Sisters, and they beg leave to submit this, their minority Report.

The undersigned concur in opinion that the Canon, as proposed by the majority of the committee by way of substitute to that sent to the House of Deputies by the House of Bishops, is, in two respects, so defective as, in their judgment, to require amendment.

The first objection suggested has respect to the provision of the first section of the committee's substitute, which refers to the *form*, according to which women of devout character and fitness may be set apart officially for the work contemplated by the Canon. The Canon of the House of Bishops provided that this form should be authorized by the House of Bishops; the substitute proposes that it shall be such as may be set forth by the Bishop of the Diocese. Believing that there should be uniformity, not only in doctrine, discipline, and worship, but also in all matters which pertain to and seriously affect the general welfare and interests of the Church, we are of opinion that such uniformity should characterize the form of induction into the office of Deaconess or Sister.

Second. The majority of the committee by their substitute limit the operation of the governing and restraining force of the Canon to Deaconesses and Sisters

to be hereafter set apart, but are of opinion that in the first line of the third section the words "so set apart," should be stricken out; so as to bring all Deaconesses and Sisters, who assume to act officially as such, under the law of the Church.

It is said that this would be *ex post facto*, or, at least, retroactive legislation. In our judgment, it would be neither of these: it would not make any one amenable for acts heretofore done, or affect any rights previously vested. We do not think, however, that any one has a vested right, under the name and auspices of this Church, and by virtue of assumed official relations to it, whether set apart by some Order in a foreign country, or by one of our own Bishops, to disturb the peace of the Church by the introduction of strange usages; or by the use of books teaching false doctrine, if such should be the case, and at the same time to claim to be above the law of the Church, and beyond the control of the Bishop of the Diocese and of the Presbyter of the Parish. If the law of this Church and the power of the Bishop can be made to reach and restrain Deaconesses and Sisters in any suggested excesses, should any such occur, and to cause their official action to conform to the mind and views of the Church, it will be well; if it cannot, if when the authority vested by the Canon, as we think it should be adopted, is resisted and the ecclesiastical authority is repudiated, the parties will, at least, have placed themselves in open opposition to, and defiance of the authority of the Church; and thereupon their power to do injury to the Church by their example and teachings will cease. We therefore recommend that before the question on the Canon proposed by the majority of the committee be put to the House, it be amended in the particulars above referred to.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the substitute proposed by the Committee on Canons to the Canon of the House of Bishops, "On Deaconesses or Sisters," be amended in the first section by striking out "Bishop of any Diocese," and inserting "House of Bishops," and by striking out of the first line of the third section the words "so set apart."

Respectfully submitted.

HUGH W. SHEFFEY,
JOHN W. ANDREWS,

Minority of Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, moved to amend the majority Report by striking out all after the words "Message No. 21," so that the resolution would read as follows:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the adoption of the Canon "Of Deaconesses or Sisters," communicated by them in their Message No. 21.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the Chair, the Rev. Dr. Schenck, from the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform, presented a Report (see Appendix VIII) and the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform be continued.

Resolved, That the Report now presented be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

NOAH HUNT SCHENCK, *Secretary.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, it was

Resolved, That this House appoint two Presbyters and two Laymen to act with

the two Bishops already appointed by the House of Bishops as a Deputation to the next Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada.

Resolved, That the House of Deputies sends its cordial Christian greetings to their brethren in Canada, and invokes upon them in largest measure the blessings of prosperity and peace.

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Church be requested to nominate to this body the Members of the Deputation.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was made the Order of the Day for Wednesday next, at 11 A. M.

REPORT No. 34.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 30 of the House of Bishops, informing this House of the repeal by that House of Canon 13, Title II, and of their adoption of a Canon to be similarly numbered, and to be entitled "Of Marriage and Divorce," beg respectfully to report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurs with the House of Bishops in the substitute for the present Canon 13 of Title II, with the amendment that the said Canon read as follows:—

CANON 13.

Of Marriage and Divorce.

§ i. If any persons be joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

§ ii. No Minister shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has a divorced husband or wife still living, if such husband or wife has been put away for any cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again.

§ iii. If any Minister of this Church shall have reasonable cause to doubt whether a person desirous of being admitted to Holy Baptism, or to Confirmation, or to the Holy Communion, has been married otherwise than as the Word of God and Discipline of this Church allow, such Minister, before receiving such person to these ordinances, shall refer the case to the Bishop for his godly judgment thereupon; *provided, however*, that no Minister shall in any case refuse the Sacraments to a penitent person *in extremis*.

§ iv. Questions touching the facts of any case arising under Section ii of this Canon shall be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction in which the same may occur, or if there be no Bishop of such Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, then to some Bishop to be designated by the Standing Committee; and the Bishop to whom such questions have been so referred shall thereupon make inquiry by his Commissary, or otherwise, and shall deliver his judgment in the premises.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, which was placed on the Calendar:—

REPORT No. 35.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Rev. R. S. Smith, of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, instructing this committee to inquire whether it be expedient to print in future editions of the Book of Common Prayer for use in this Church, the Table of Forbidden Degrees, as it exists in the Prayer Book of the Church of England, beg respectfully to report:—

That in 1808 a memorial having been presented from the Diocese of Mary-

land, asking the enactment of the English Canon concerning Marriages and desiring its insertion in future editions of the Book of Common Prayer, the whole subject was referred by the House of Deputies to the House of Bishops. The House of Bishops, in which but two members were then present, "having taken into consideration the Message" sent to them, returned for answer that they considered "that Table as now obligatory in this Church, and as what will remain so unless there should hereafter appear cause to alter it, without departing from the Word of God, or endangering the peace and order of this Church"; but they expressed the opinion that the subject was of such importance, that the time being so short, and the number of Bishops present so small, "they must content themselves with recommending the subject to be considered and acted on at a future Convention."

The Committee on Canons are of the opinion that any action on this subject ought to be initiated in the House of Bishops; and in view of the possibility of a revision of the Table of Forbidden Degrees being found necessary or expedient, as suggested by the House of Bishops in 1803, the committee cannot recommend the printing of that Table in the Book of Common Prayer until the necessity or expediency of such a revision shall have been considered by the General Convention.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is not expedient at this time to order the printing of the Table of Prohibited Degrees in all future editions of the Book of Common Prayer.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 36.

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred proposed amendments of Canons 6 and 8 of Title I, with reference to the admission to our Ministry of those who have been ministers in other Christian bodies, respectfully report:—

With reference to the first proposed amendment, providing that a candidate who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister or licentiate in any other denomination of Christians may be ordained on the same conditions as a candidate for Deacon's Orders only, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to amend Section iii of Canon 6 of Title I, by adding after said section the amendment proposed.

In respect to the amendment to place upon an equality with candidates in other Christian bodies seeking Holy Orders, ministers and licentiates in such bodies asking admission to our Ministry, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section i of Canon 8 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

A candidate for Priest's Orders, who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister or licentiate or as a candidate for the ministry of any other denomination of Christians, may be allowed, as part of the duration of his candidatureship, by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, the period during which he may have been a minister, student of theology, or candidate in such other denomination. *Provided*, That the time so allowed shall not exceed two years.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee, to consist of three Bishops, three Clergymen, and three Laymen, be raised to consider the whole subject of the admission of ministers of other Christian bodies into the ministry of this Church, such committee to report to the General Convention of 1880.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the said Report was adopted.

The President appointed the following persons as the Committee, on the part of this House, contemplated in the foregoing resolution :—

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York; the Rev. Dr. Drowne, of Long Island; Mr. Baldwin, of Michigan; Mr. Garthwaite, of Northern New Jersey; Mr. Nash, of New York.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report :—

REPORT No. 37.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 55 from the House of Bishops, proposing an amendment of Canon 5 of Title II, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Canon 5 of Title II, communicated by them in their Message No. 55.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report :—

REPORT No. 38.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 24 from the House of Bishops, proposing an amendment of Section i of Canon 10 of Title I, relating to ministers from foreign lands, respectfully report in favour of concurrence with the House of Bishops in the measure proposed, with an amendment, the purpose of which is to simplify its provisions, and to put them into such form that they may be strictly complied with in every case. The action which we propose is as follows :—

Resolved, That this House concurs in the amendment of Section i of Canon 10 of Title I, communicated by the House of Bishops in their Message No. 24, with the amendment that the following be substituted for the first sentence of the proposed Section :—

§ i. No clergyman but those canonically resident in some Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church shall be permitted to officiate in any parish or congregation unless he shall have been licensed so to officiate by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. Such license shall not be granted by the ecclesiastical authority but upon a letter commendatory from some Bishop in communion with this Church, or other satisfactory evidence of his being in Holy Orders, and of his good character. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to forbid the officiating by any Minister belonging to a Church in communion with this Church, who is personally known as such to the Minister, church-warden, or other officer of the church where he so officiates, and who, not having actually been within the limits of the Diocese more than thirty days, has been unable to obtain the required license.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops :—

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 65.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs with the House of Deputies in the amendment proposed in Message No. 42 from the House of Deputies [relating to Title II, Canon 11, Section ii] ; and also

That it concurs with the House of Deputies in the amendment proposed by them in their Message No. 42, to Canon 6, Section ii, of Title II.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops, and, on motion, was concurred in :—

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 66.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Deputation, consisting of two Bishops, two Presbyters, two Laymen, be appointed to attend the next Provincial Synod of Canada, to bear the greetings of this Church and to promote the joint interests of the two Churches, the Presiding Bishop being allowed to fill all vacancies in the Deputation occurring after its appointment.

And the House of Bishops informs the House that it has appointed as members of such Deputation on its own part, the Bishop of New York and the Bishop of Louisiana.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops :—

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 67.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the Report of the Joint Committee on a day of final adjournment, fixing 7.30 P. M. on Wednesday as the time, and Trinity Church as the place, for reading the Pastoral Letter, and 12 M. Thursday as the time of the adjournment *sine die* of both Houses of the General Convention.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the House of Deputies ask a Committee of Conference of the House of Bishops on the Message of the House of Bishops No. 53, non-concurring with this House ; and that the Committee on Canons be the Committee of Conference on the part of this House.

The House resumed the consideration of the Order of the Day, to wit, Report No. 21 of the Committee on Canons (see seventeenth day's proceedings), with the motion made by the Rev. Dr. Huntington at this morning's session.

Mr. Judd, of Illinois, moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject.

On this motion the Lay Deputation from the Diocese of Illinois called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-two Dioceses represented, — ayes 23, nays 17, divided 2.

Of the Laity there were thirty-two Dioceses represented, — ayes 17, nays 13, divided 2.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALBANY. — The Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harrison. — *Aye*.

ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Mr. Matthews. — *Aye*.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, and Ayrault, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. McKnight. — *Nay*.

CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, and the Rev. Mr. Knight. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Johnson. — *Nay*.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Brooks, and Littell. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Douglass. — *Nay*.

FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor. — *Aye*.

GEORGIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone. — *Aye*.

ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, Harris, and Locke. — *Aye*.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault. — *Aye*.

MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Lewin, and Dalrymple. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Leeds. — *Nay*.

MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Drs. Harris, and Lane. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Magrath. — *Nay*.

MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Mr. Livermore. — *Aye*.

MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Marks. — *Aye*.

MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, the Rev. Mr. Scheetz, the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. — *Aye*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Dr. Coit, the Rev. Mr. Sears, and the Rev. Dr. Eames. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Hubbard. — *Nay*.

NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Langford. — *Nay*.

NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Beach, Cady, Dix, and Seymour. — *Aye*.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Aye*.

TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Drs. White, and Harris. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Fitts. — *Nay*.

VERMONT. — The Rev. Mr. Putnam, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts. — *Aye*.

WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Ingersoll, and Howard. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Anstice. — *Nay*.

WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, Adams, and Fulton. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, and Forsyth. — *Aye*.

CONNECTICUT. — Messrs. Kingsbury, and Stark. — *Aye*.

FLORIDA. — Mr. Walker. — *Aye*.

FOND DU LAC. — Mr. Jenkins. — *Aye*.

GEORGIA. — Messrs. Whittle, and Jenkins. — *Aye*.

ILLINOIS. — Messrs. Judd, and Whitehouse. — *Aye*.

LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur, and Mr. Race. — *Aye*.

MAINE. — Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner. — *Aye*.

MARYLAND. — Mr. Brune. — *Aye*.

MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Bennett. — *Aye*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Mr. Low. — *Aye*.

NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Wilson, Parker, and Conover. — *Aye*.

RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Stiness, and Goddard. — *Aye*.

SOUTHERN OHIO. — Mr. Horton. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Mr. White. — *Aye*.
 WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Banister, and Massey. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.
 CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Whitehead, and Leverett. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Breck. — *Aye*.
 EASTON. — The Rev. Dr. Barber. — *Nay*.
 IOWA. — The Rev. Messrs. Ryan, and Kemp. — *Nay*.
 KANSAS. — The Rev. Drs. Reynolds, and Beatty, and the Rev. Mr. Coxe. — *Nay*.
 KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Dr. Craik. — *Nay*.
 LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hall, Drowne, and Snively. — *Nay*.
 MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, Hayes, and Alger. — *Nay*.
 NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Messrs. Millsbaugh, and Paterson. — *Nay*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Watson, Buxton, and Huske, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Brown. — *Nay*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Smith, and Alsop. — *Nay*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Greer, Richards, and Henshaw. — *Nay*.
 The Rev. Mr. Magill. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Drs. Burr, and Morrell, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Nay*.
 VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Dr. Hanckel. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. Clarke, and Moss. — *Nay*.
 DELAWARE. — Mr. Curtis. — *Nay*.
 INDIANA. — Messrs. Duy, and Howe. — *Nay*.
 KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Stevenson, Cornwall, and Robinson. — *Nay*.
 MINNESOTA. — Messrs. Wilder, and Holbrook. — *Nay*.
 MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill. — *Nay*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, and J. G. Martin. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Nay*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, Harrison, and Coffin. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — Mr. McCrady. — *Nay*.
 VERMONT. — Mr. Williams. — *Nay*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Sheffey. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Dr. Burgess. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Lambert. — *Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Dr. Porter, and the Rev. Mr. McCollough. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Pinckney, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Prince, and Nicoll. — *Aye*. Messrs. Pierrepont, and Hunter. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Garthwaite. — *Aye*. Mr. Mills. — *Nay*.

The motion to indefinitely postpone accordingly prevailed.

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following Report:—

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to nominate as Delegates, on the part of this House, to the Provincial Synod of Canada, to meet in 1880, the Rev. the President of the House, Alexander Burgess, D.D., of Massachusetts; the Rev. Edward Ingersoll, D.D., of Western New York; Hon. L. Bradford Prince, of Long Island; Hon. John W. Andrews, of Southern Ohio.
E. M. VAN DEUSEN, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the persons named in the foregoing Report be elected.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Canons, on the subject of Shortened Services, be made the Order of the Day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The Report of the Committee on Expenses, presented at this morning's session, was taken up; on motion, the first resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons; and the second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth resolutions were adopted. The sixth resolution was lost.

The House took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

The President having resumed the chair, on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, of Tennessee, it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to each of the three Assistant Secretaries of this House, as a testimonial to their valuable and laborious services.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Girault, of Louisiana, the vote whereby the sixth resolution of the Report of the Committee on Expenses was lost, was reconsidered. The question recurring on the resolution, it was lost.

The House proceeded to the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit, Report No. 33 of the Committee on Canons, relating to the Report of the Joint Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,

The Rev. Dr. Seymour, of New York, offered the following amendment as a substitute for Article VI:—

Article VI. The Board of Managers is intrusted with power to establish and regulate such Missions as are not placed under Episcopal supervision; and to enact all by-laws which it may deem necessary for its own government, and for the government of its Committees: *provided always*, that in relation to organized

Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions having Bishops, the appropriations shall be made in gross to such Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, to be disbursed by the local authorities thereof. The Board shall notify to the several Bishops the gross sums so appropriated; and those Bishops shall regulate the number of Missionary Stations, appoint the Missionaries, and assign to them their stipends.

The Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the amendment on the table.

On this motion the Clerical Deputation from the Diocese of Wisconsin called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-one Dioceses represented, — ayes 11, nays 27, divided 3.

Of the Laity there were twenty-six Dioceses represented, — ayes 10, nays 13, divided 3.

DIOCESSES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- ALABAMA. — Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.
 CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Mr. Leverett. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Whitehead. — *Nay*.
 CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson. — *Aye*.
 The Rev. Mr. Knight. — *Nay*.
 KANSAS. — The Rev. Drs. Reynolds, and Beatty. — *Aye*.
 LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hall, Schenck, Drowne, and Snively. — *Aye*.
 MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Mr. Livermore. — *Aye*.
 MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Scheetz. — *Nay*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Buxton, and Huske, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Watson. — *Nay*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, and Goodwin. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Drs. Burr, and Boyd, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Dr. Hanckel. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

- DELAWARE. — Mr. Curtis. — *Aye*.
 KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Stevenson, and Robinson. — *Aye*. Mr. Cornwall. — *Nay*.
 LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Hunter, and Nicoll. — *Aye*.
 MINNESOTA. — Mr. Wilder. — *Aye*.
 MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, Harrison, and Coffin. — *Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Sheffey. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Messrs. Montgomery, and White. — *Aye*.

DIOCESSES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- ALBANY. — The Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harison. — *Nay*.
 ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Mr. Tupper. — *Nay*.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, and Ayrault, the Rev. Mr. Lockwood, and the Rev. Dr. McKnight. — *Nay*.

- EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Barber. — *Aye*.
 FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor. — *Nay*.
 GEORGIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone. — *Nay*.
 ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, and Locke. — *Nay*.
 IOWA. — The Rev. Mr. Ryan. — *Nay*.
 KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Dr. Shipman, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Nay*.
 The Rev. Dr. Craik. — *Aye*.
 LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault. — *Nay*.
 MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, and Hayes. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Alger. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, Dalrymple, and Leeds. — *Nay*.
 MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane. — *Nay*.
 MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Marks. — *Nay*.
 NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Mr. Millsbaugh, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Mr. Paterson. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Goodale. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Dr. Coit, the Rev. Mr. Sears, and the Rev. Dr. Eames. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Hubbard. — *Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Langford. — *Aye*.
 NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Beach, Cady, Dix, and Seymour. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — The Rev. Mr. Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Brown. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Bronson. — *Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Messrs. Mills, and Smith. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Alsop. — *Aye*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Dr. Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough, and Johnson. — *Nay*.
 TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Dr. White. — *Nay*.
 VERMONT. — The Rev. Mr. Putnam, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Ingersoll, and Howard. — *Nay*.
 The Rev. Dr. Anstice. — *Aye*.
 WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, Adams, and Fulton. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

- ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, and Forsyth. — *Nay*.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. McWhorter, and Moss. — *Nay*.
 CONNECTICUT. — Mr. Stark. — *Nay*.
 ILLINOIS. — Messrs. Judd, and Whitehouse. — *Nay*.
 INDIANA. — Mr. Duy. — *Nay*.
 MAINE. — Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner. — *Nay*.
 MARYLAND. — Mr. Brune. — *Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, and Mudge. — *Nay*. Mr. Bennett. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Mr. Low. — *Nay*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Parker, and Conover. — *Nay*. Mr. Wilson. — *Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Mills. — *Nay*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Nay*.
 WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- DELAWARE. — The Rev. Mr. Douglass. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Littell. — *Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Dr. Huntington. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Burgess. — *Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND — The Rev. Messrs. Greer, and Richards. — *Aye*. The Rev. Messrs. Henshaw, and Magill. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

GEORGIA. — Mr. Whittle. — *Aye*. Mr. Johnson. — *Nay*.

NORTH CAROLINA. — Mr. J. G. Martin. — *Aye*. Mr. Battle. — *Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND. — Mr. Goddard. — *Aye*. Mr. Stiness. — *Nay*.

And the motion to lay the amendment on the table did not prevail.

The Rev. Dr. Brown, of Ohio, moved to amend the amendment by adding the words, “with the approval of the Board of Managers.”

The amendment was accepted by the Rev. Dr. Seymour.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

On motion, Article VI, thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Whittle, of Georgia, Article VII was amended by striking out all before the words “no person,” in the seventh line.

On motion, Article VII, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, Article VIII was adopted.

On motion, Section i was adopted.

On motion, Section ii was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, the following was adopted as Section iii:—

“This Canon shall take effect immediately.”

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, the blanks in Article IV were filled by inserting the word “eight.”

The question recurring on the adoption of the whole Canon, the Lay Deputation from the Diocese of Rhode Island called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty Dioceses represented, — ayes 36, nays 1, divided 3.

Of the Laity there were twenty-six Dioceses represented, — ayes 23, nays 1, divided 3.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Banister, and Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.

ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Mr. Tupper. — *Aye*.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Mr. Whitehead. — *Aye*.

CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Aye*.

- DELAWARE.—The Rev. Mr. Littell.—*Aye*.
 EASTON.—The Rev. Drs. Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns.—*Aye*.
 FOND DU LAC.—The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor.—*Aye*.
 GEORGIA.—The Rev. Dr. Benedict, and the Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone.—*Aye*.
 ILLINOIS.—The Rev. Drs. Chase, and Locke.—*Aye*.
 KENTUCKY.—The Rev. Dr. Craik, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely.—*Aye*.
 LONG ISLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Hall, Schenck, Drowne, and Snively.—*Aye*.
 LOUISIANA.—The Rev. Mr. Girault.—*Aye*.
 MAINE.—The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, and Alger.—*Aye*.
 MARYLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Dalrymple, and Leeds.—*Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Lewin.—*Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS.—The Rev. Drs. Burgess, and Huntington.—*Aye*.
 MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane.—*Aye*.
 MINNESOTA.—The Rev. Mr. Livermore.—*Aye*.
 MISSISSIPPI.—The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Marks.—*Aye*.
 MISSOURI.—The Rev. Dr. Runcie, and the Rev. Messrs. Scheetz, and Dunlop.—*Aye*.
 NEBRASKA.—The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Messrs. Goodale, and Paterson.—*Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Rev. Drs. Coit, Hubbard, and Eames.—*Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker.—*Aye*.
 NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Dix, and Seymour.—*Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Beach.—*Nay*.
 NORTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Drs. Watson, and Buxton, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes.—*Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Mr. Stansbury.—*Aye*.
 OHIO.—The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Brown.—*Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Drs. Hare, and Goodwin.—*Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH.—The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Mr. Smith.—*Aye*.
 The Rev. Mr. Mills.—*Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Dr. Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough, and Johnson.—*Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO.—The Rev. Drs. Boyd, and Morrell.—*Aye*.
 VERMONT.—The Rev. Mr. Putnam, the Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts.—*Aye*.
 VIRGINIA.—The Rev. Dr. Hanckel.—*Aye*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft.—*Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Anstice, Ingersoll, and Howard.—*Aye*.
 WISCONSIN.—The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, and Adams.—*Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Fulton.—*Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

- CONNECTICUT.—Mr. Stark.—*Aye*.
 DELAWARE.—Mr. Curtis.—*Aye*.
 GEORGIA.—Messrs. Whittle, and Johnson.—*Aye*.
 ILLINOIS.—Mr. Whitehouse.—*Aye*.
 INDIANA.—Mr. Duy.—*Aye*.
 KENTUCKY.—Messrs. Stevenson, and Robinson.—*Aye*. Mr. Cornwall.—*Nay*.
 LONG ISLAND.—Messrs. Hunter, Prince, and Nicoll.—*Aye*.
 MAINE.—Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner.—*Aye*.
 MARYLAND.—Mr. Brune.—*Aye*.
 MASSACHUSETTS.—Messrs. Shattuck, and Mudge.—*Aye*.
 MINNESOTA.—Mr. Wilder.—*Aye*.
 MISSOURI.—Mr. Gill.—*Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Mr. Low.—*Aye*.

NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Wilson, Parker, and Conover. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Mr. J. G. Martin. — *Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Mills. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, Harrison, and Coffin. — *Aye*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Sheffey. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Messrs. Montgomery, and White. — *Aye*.
 WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

KANSAS. — The Rev. Drs. Reynolds, and Beatty. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. McWhorter, and Moss. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALBANY. — The Rev. Dr. Pennell. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Harison. — *Nay*.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Ayrault, and McKnight. — *Nay*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Greer, and Magill. — *Aye*. The Rev. Messrs. Richards, and Henshaw. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

ALBANY. — Mr. Meads. — *Aye*. Mr. Forsyth. — *Nay*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — Mr. Goddard. — *Aye*. Mr. Stiness. — *Nay*.

The Canon was accordingly adopted. (For the Canon as finally adopted, see Canon 9, Title III, of the Digest.)

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York, the resolution appended to the Report of the committee was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the existing Mission Committees, Bureaus, and Commissions of the Board of Missions be continued until the organization of the Board of Managers elected at this Convention, and such Managers shall have made other provision for such existing organizations.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Board of Managers elected at this Convention shall meet for the purpose of organization and other business, on the 30th day of October, 1877, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Mission Rooms, Bible House, in the city of New York, and that the Secretary of the House of Deputies notify the members accordingly.

The Rev. Dr. Coit, from the Joint Committee on Christian Education, presented a Report. (See Appendix IX.)

On motion, the House adjourned.

NINETEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, October 24, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Barton, of Easton, and the Rev. Dr. Seymour, of New York.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Western New York.

The Minutes of the eighteenth day's proceedings were read and approved.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops :—

MESSAGE No. 68. BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it does not concur in Message No. 45 from the House of Deputies [authorizing the use of the English Lectionary], for the reason that they believe the committee appointed to sit during the recess should first examine and report upon the Lectionary of the English Church and its adaptation to the use of this Church.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 46 from the House of Deputies [permitting the use, in place of the Table of Lessons in the Calendar, of those reported to this Convention by the Joint Committee on the Lectionary for Lent].

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 69. BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform be continued.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 70. BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concurs in the action proposed in Message 41 from the House of Deputies [authorizing the Committee on a Table of Lessons to report a Table for the whole Calendar], with amendments so that the resolution shall read as follows :—

“Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Committee authorized to sit during the recess of the Convention be requested to examine the new Lectionary of the English Church, and to report to the next General Convention whether it is expedient to authorize the use of the said Lectionary, with or without changes, in this Church.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 71. BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 58 from the House of Deputies [appointing a Joint Committee on the subject of the Godly Discipline of the Laity].

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 72.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 24 from the House of Deputies [appointing a Joint Committee on the Lectionary to sit during the Recess], and the House of Bishops names as such committee on its part,

The Bishop of Easton, the Bishop of Western New York, the Bishop of Central New York, the Bishop of New Hampshire, and the Bishop of Western Michigan.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 73.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved (1), That this House concurs in the *second* resolution of Message No. 60 from the House of Deputies [appointing a Joint Committee on the subject of the Admission to Holy Orders, of Ministers of other Christian Bodies], and appoints as such committee on the part of this House,

The Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Long Island.

Resolved (2), That this House does not concur in the *first* resolution communicated in Message 60 from the House of Deputies [proposing an amendment to Section i of Canon 8 of Title I], for the reason that it is matter which would appropriately be referred to the Joint Committee provided by the second resolution of Message No. 60, to which committee this House, the House of Deputies concurring, hereby refers it.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 74.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has appointed as the Committee of Conference asked for in Message No. 62, from the House of Deputies [relating to the time when a candidate for Priesthood may be ordained],

The Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Long Island, and the Bishop of Massachusetts, being those members of its Committee on Canons now in attendance upon the sessions of this House.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Seymour of New York, it was

Resolved, That this House request of the House of Bishops a Committee of Conference on the subject of the first part of Message No. 68 from that House.

The President announced as members of such committee on the part of this House, the Rev. Drs. Seymour and Hare, and the Rev. Mr. Girault, and Messrs. Winthrop and McCrady.

The Rev. Dr. Adams, from the Committee of Conference asked for by this House, on the subject of the "Differences between Ministers and their Congregations, and of the Dissolution of a Pastoral Connection," reported the following Canon, and recommended its adoption:—

TITLE II, CANON 4.

Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations, and of the Dissolution of a Pastoral Connection.

§ i. A Rector canonically elected and in charge, or an instituted Minister, may not resign his Parish without consent of the said Parish or its Vestry (if the

Vestry be authorized to act in the premises); nor may such Rector or Minister be removed therefrom by said Parish or Vestry against his will; except as hereinafter provided,

§ ii. In case any urgent reason or reasons should occasion a wish in a Rector or Minister as aforesaid, or in the Parish committed to his charge, to bring about a separation and a dissolution of all pastoral relation between such Minister and Parish, and the parties be not agreed in respect of such separation and dissolution, notice of such desire and disagreement may be given by either party to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction in writing. And in case of any difference between the Minister and Parish or Vestry as aforesaid, which may not be satisfactorily settled by the godly judgment of the Bishop alone, or which he may decline to consider without counsel, the Bishop (or if the Diocese be vacant, any Bishop selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority), acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, or with that of the Presbyters only of said Standing Committee (if both parties shall assent to such limitation in writing), shall be the ultimate arbiter and judge. And refusal to accept and comply with the arbitration and judgment on the part of the Minister aforesaid, shall not work a continuance of lawful and canonical Rectorship or settlement beyond the date fixed conditionally or otherwise for its termination, by such arbitration and judgment, should such termination be recommended and required; but such pastoral connection shall, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, cease and terminate as therein required. But such refusal shall subject the Minister so refusing to inhibition by the Bishop aforesaid from all ministerial offices and functions within the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction. And such refusal on the part of a Parish shall disqualify it from representation in the Convention of the Diocese, until it shall have been declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority to have given satisfactory guarantees for the acceptance of and compliance with the arbitration and judgment.

§ iii. In case of the regular and canonical dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his congregation, the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his Congregation be not regular or canonical, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall lay the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above-mentioned penalties may take effect.

§ iv. This Canon shall not be in force in any Diocese which has made, or shall hereafter make, provision by Canon upon this subject, nor in any Diocese with whose laws or charters it may interfere.

The Rev. Dr. DeKoven, from the Special Committee appointed for this purpose, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the following Minute be entered on the Records of the House of Deputies:—

"It is with sincere gratitude that the House of Deputies puts on record the expression of its thankfulness for the admirable and careful services of the Committee of Arrangements, the Finance Committee, and that upon Music, and the unwearied care and labour of the Committee of Hospitality appointed by the Diocesan authority.

"For the use of Trinity Church for the opening and closing Services of the General Convention, and of the Chapel placed at the disposal of our several committees, and for the excellent accommodation afforded for the business sessions of the House of Deputies at Emmanuel Church, to the Rectors, Wardens, and Vestrymen of those two corporations, most sincere thanks are given.

"The daily Services of the House of Deputies have been made more than usually attractive and devout by the assistance of the organist, Mr. S. B. Whitney, and choristers of the Church of the Advent; while to the Churchmen and other

citizens of Boston and its neighbourhood we are indebted for a courtesy, hospitality, and kindness which, while we acknowledge it on the Minutes of the House of Deputies, will ever remain a pleasant memory to its members."

JAMES DEKOVEN.
GEORGE LEEDS.
C. C. AUGUR.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Reports, which were placed on the Calendar: —

REPORT No. 39.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 33 from the House of Bishops, relating to the celebration of the Holy Communion in collegiate and private chapels, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, That this House, regarding it as unnecessary to legislate upon the subject of the celebration of the Holy Communion in private chapels, does not concur in the enactment of a new Section to be added to Canon 22 of Title I.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 40.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the question of the eligibility of a Missionary Bishop who has resigned his jurisdiction to the Bishopric of a Diocese, believing that the subject referred to them belongs properly, at least in the first instance, to the House of Bishops, they beg respectfully to submit the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the House of Bishops be requested to consider whether any amendment be needed in Section xvii of Canon 15 of Title I, and to communicate the result of their deliberations to the House of Deputies at the next session of the General Convention.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report: —

REPORT No. 41.

The Committee on Canons, who were instructed to report an amendment to the Canons to carry out the recommendation of the Committee on Expenses, respectfully report the following: —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section v of Canon 1 of Title III is hereby amended so as to read as follows: —

§ v. In order that the contingent expenses of the General Convention may be defrayed, it shall be the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, on or before the first day of October in each year, the sum of two dollars for each Clergyman within such Diocese.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report: —

REPORT No. 42.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of the Constitution of Vestries, etc., respectfully report that in view of the fact that nearly the same subject has been referred to a Joint Committee, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be discharged from the consideration of the subject of the Constitution of Vestries, etc.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That it be referred to the Joint Committee on the Functions of Rectors, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen, to consider and report to the next General Convention what is the law of the Church in relation to the Constitution of Vestries and the qualification for membership therein, and that they also report what legislation, if any, in their opinion is necessary and desirable on the subject.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Shipman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the following Report: —

REPORT No. 11.

The Committee on Elections begs leave to report that satisfactory evidence has been received of the election of Mr. Charles A. Tufts as a Supplemental Deputy to this Convention from the Diocese of New Hampshire, and of his due appointment to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. R. Hatch.

The committee would further report that leave of absence for the remainder of the session has been granted to the following members of this House: The Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, of Alabama; the Rev. Mr. Clemens, of Texas; the Rev. Dr. Minnigerode, of Virginia; the Rev. Dr. Benedict, of Georgia; the Rev. Dr. Payne, of Albany; the Rev. Dr. Perkins, of Kentucky; the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Illinois; the Rev. Mr. Whipple, of Minnesota; the Rev. Dr. Garrison, of New Jersey; Mr. Race, of Louisiana; and Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. SHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

Whereupon, Mr. Tufts appeared and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ayrault, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That in order to provide a wider range of Readings from Holy Scripture, it be referred to the Joint Committee on the Lectionary to consider and report on providing a threefold Calendar of shorter Lessons to be used at Morning and Evening Prayer during three consecutive years.

The House took up the Order of the Day, to wit, Report No. 34 of the Committee on Canons, relating to "Marriage and Divorce." (For the Report, see eighteenth day's proceedings.)

Mr. McCrady, of South Carolina, moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

On a division of the House, the motion was lost, — ayes 61, nays 90.

The Sections of the Canon were taken up *seriatim*.

On motion, Section i was adopted.

Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

On this motion the Clerical Deputation from the Diocese of New York called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-three Dioceses represented, — ayes 5, nays 37, divided 1.

Of the Laity there were thirty Dioceses represented, — ayes 2, nays 25, divided 3.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Banister, and Massey. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Nay*.

LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hall, Schenck, and Snively. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Drowne. — *Nay*.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault. — *Aye*.

MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, and Dalrymple. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Leeds. — *Nay*.

PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Drs. Hare, and Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Brown. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, and Harrison. — *Aye*.

SOUTH CAROLINA. — Mr. McCrady. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALBANY. — The Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harrison. — *Nay*.

ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Messrs. Tupper, and Matthews. — *Nay*.

CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers. — *Nay*.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, and Ayrault, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. McKnight. — *Aye*.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Messrs. Whitehead, and Leverett. — *Nay*.

CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Beardsley. — *Aye*.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Douglass, and Littell. — *Nay*.

EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barber, Barton, and Crosdale. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Stearns. — *Aye*.

FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor. — *Nay*.

GEORGIA. — The Rev. Mr. Boone. — *Nay*.

ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, and Locke. — *Nay*.

IOWA. — The Rev. Mr. Ryan. — *Nay*.

KANSAS. — The Rev. Drs. Reynolds, and Beatty. — *Nay*.

KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Dr. Craik, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Nay*.

MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, Hayes, and Alger. — *Nay*.

MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Drs. Burgess, and Lambert. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Huntington. — *Aye*.

MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane. — *Nay*.

MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, and the Rev. Mr. Livermore. — *Nay*.

MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Marks. — *Nay*.

MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, the Rev. Mr. Scheetz, the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. — *Nay*.

- NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Messrs. Millsbaugh, Goodale, and Paterson. — *Nay*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Drs. Coit, and Hubbard, the Rev. Mr. Sears, and the Rev. Dr. Eames. — *Nay*.
 NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker. — *Nay*.
 NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Cady, Dix, and Seymour. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Beach. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Watson, Buxton, and Huske. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Brown. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Mills, Smith, and Alsop. — *Nay*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Greer, Henshaw, and Magill. — *Nay*.
 The Rev. Mr. Richards. — *Aye*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Pinckney, and Porter, and the Rev. Messrs. McCollough, and Johnson. — *Nay*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Boyd, and the Rev. Mr. Stanger. — *Nay*.
 The Rev. Dr. Burr. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Dr. White, the Rev. Mr. Fitts, and the Rev. Dr. Harris. — *Nay*.
 VERMONT. — The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, and Roberts. — *Nay*.
 VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Dr. Hanckel. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, Ingersoll, and Howard. — *Nay*.
 WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Adams, and Fulton. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

- ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, and Forsyth. — *Nay*.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. Clarke, McWhorter, and Moss. — *Nay*.
 DELAWARE. — Mr. Curtis. — *Nay*.
 FLORIDA. — Mr. Walker. — *Nay*.
 ILLINOIS. — Mr. Judd. — *Nay*.
 INDIANA. — Mr. Howe. — *Nay*.
 KENTUCKY. — Messrs. Stevenson, and Cornwall. — *Nay*.
 LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Hunter, Prince, and Nicoll. — *Nay*. Mr. Pierrepont. — *Aye*.
 LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur. — *Nay*.
 MAINE. — Mr. Gardiner. — *Nay*.
 MARYLAND. — Mr. Brune. — *Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Winthrop. — *Nay*.
 MINNESOTA. — Mr. Wilder. — *Nay*.
 MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill. — *Nay*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Mr. Tufts. — *Nay*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Wilson, Parker, and Conover. — *Nay*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, and J. G. Martin. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Mills. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Nay*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — Mr. Horton. — *Nay*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Nay*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Sheffey. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Mr. White. — *Nay*.
 WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- FLORIDA. — The Rev. Dr. Steele. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Scott. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

CONNECTICUT.—Mr. Kingsbury—*Aye*. Mr. Stark.—*Nay*.

GEORGIA.—Mr. Whittle.—*Aye*. Mr. Johnson.—*Nay*.

RHODE ISLAND.—Mr. Stiness.—*Aye*. Mr. Goddard.—*Nay*.

And the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Mr. Stiness, of Rhode Island, moved to amend Section ii by inserting the words “knowingly, after due inquiry,” after the third word in the Section.

The amendment was accepted by the committee.

On motion, Section ii, thus amended, was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, moved to amend Section iii by substituting for the last two words, the words “in imminent danger of death.”

The amendment was accepted by the committee.

On motion, Section iii, thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Prince, of Long Island, moved to amend Section iv by substituting for the words “by his commissary or otherwise,” the words “in such manner as he shall deem expedient.”

The amendment was accepted by the committee.

On motion, Section iv, thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, the following amendment was adopted as Section v:—

Section v. This Canon, so far as it affixes penalties, does not apply to cases occurring before it takes effect, according to Canon 4, Title IV.

On motion, the whole Canon was then adopted.

(For the whole Canon, as finally adopted, see Title II, Canon 13, of the Digest.)

On motion of Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the afternoon session to-day be protracted till 5½ o'clock.

The House took a recess.

The President having resumed the chair, the Rev. Dr. Craik, from the Joint Committee on Church Work, presented the following Report, and on motion, the resolution appended to the Report was adopted:—

The Joint Special Committee on Church Work, to which was referred a draft of a Canon on Brotherhoods, report

That they asked a member of their committee to prepare the Canon herewith submitted. But as it is too late in the session to consider it thoroughly, either in committee or in the House, they submit the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the draft of a Canon appended to this Report be placed on the Journal, and brought up as unfinished business at the next session of the General Convention.

CANON 15.

Of Brotherhoods.

1. Brotherhoods or Associations may be formed by devout men; or individuals may be licensed within any Diocese, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Bishop thereof, to promote the work of the Church, in the care of the poor or sick, and for religious or other instruction.

2. No vow of perpetual obligation shall be imposed by such Brotherhood or Association, and no member of such Brotherhood or Association shall be permitted to take such vow in regard to the work or duties of the same.

3. The Constitution and Rules for the home government of any Brotherhood or Association which may desire to adopt a community life must have the sanction in writing of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such community exists.

All Books of Devotion and formularies of worship used in such community must have the like sanction, and be in harmony with the usages of this Church, and with the devotional Offices of the Book of Common Prayer.

4. No member of any Brotherhood or Association formed, or to be formed in this country or in any foreign country, shall work officially in any Diocese without the express authority in writing of the Bishop of that Diocese; nor among the people of any Parish, but with the consent and under the oversight of the Minister thereof

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of this House publish in the Journal the official list of the Ministers of this Church required by Title I, Canon 16, Section i of the Digest, *provided*, complete lists of the Clergy in all the Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions can be obtained.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 7.

To the Committee on the Prayer Book has been referred Message No. 43 from the House of Bishops, proposing, "That the following suffrage and response be inserted in the Litany, immediately after the supplication for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, viz:—

"That it may please Thee, O Lord of the Harvest, to send forth labourers into Thy Harvest.

"We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

The committee have had this Message under careful consideration, and being satisfied that, owing to the lateness of the session, it cannot receive from the House of Deputies the attention which it deserves, they beg leave respectfully to recommend that its further consideration be referred to the next General Convention.

By order of the Committee,

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Beardsley, the whole subject was referred to the next General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, from the Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 8.

The Committee on the Prayer Book have had before them a resolution offered by a Deputy from Maine, proposing a repeal of Section i, Canon 22, Title I, and the substitution of another Section, with a view of shortening the services and giving greater liberty to the Minister in the use of the Book of Common Prayer;

and also a Memorial, numerously signed by Clergymen and communicants of the Church, in regard to the word "regenerate" in the Baptismal Office, and from the further consideration of both these subjects the committee would ask now to be discharged.

In behalf of the Committee,

E. E. BEARDSLEY, *Chairman*.

In accordance with their request, the committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subjects.

On motion of Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Committee to report a version of the Book of Common Prayer in the French language, appointed in 1868, and continued in 1871 and 1874, be continued.

Resolved, That the committee is hereby respectfully requested to report to the General Convention of 1880.

The President appointed as members of such committee, on the part of this House,

The Rev. Drs. Dix, of New York; Locke, of Illinois; Pennell, of Albany; and Messrs. Edward H. Perkins, of Massachusetts, and Elbridge T. Gerry, of New York.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 43.

The Committee on Canons, being charged, by Canon 2 of Title IV, with the duty of appointing at the close of the session two of their number to certify the changes made in the Canons, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary, acting in connection with two of the Committee on Canons of the House of Bishops, to be appointed by such committee, respectfully report that they have appointed for the above-named purpose the Revs. Morgan Dix, D.D., and Francis Harison, D.D., and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That information of the appointment by the Committee on Canons of this House of the Revs. Morgan Dix, D.D., and Francis Harison, D.D., to certify the changes made in the Canons at the present session, be sent to the House of Bishops.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The President appointed the following persons as members, on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform:—

The Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck, D.D., of Long Island

The Rev. George Leeds, D.D., of Maryland.

The Rev. Thomas F. Davies, D.D., of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. John Fulton, D.D., of Wisconsin.

The Rev. Charles R. Hale, S.T.D., of Maryland.

Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, LL.D., of New York.

Mr. Cambridge Livingstone, of New York.

Mr. Robert M. Mason, of Massachusetts.

Mr. John A. King, of Long Island.

Mr. Edward H. Wright, of New Jersey.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops, and, on motion, was concurred in :—

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,

October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 75.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Title II, Canon 4, be amended to read as follows :—

§ i. A Rector canonically elected and in charge, or an instituted Minister, may not resign his Parish without consent of the said Parish or its Vestry (if the Vestry be authorized to act in the premises); nor may such Rector or Minister be removed therefrom by said Parish or Vestry against his will; except as hereinafter provided.

§ ii. In case any urgent reason or reasons should occasion a wish in a Rector or Minister as aforesaid, or in the Parish committed to his charge, to bring about a separation and a dissolution of all pastoral relation between such Minister and Parish, and the parties be not agreed in respect of such separation and dissolution, notice of such desire and disagreement may be given by either party to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction in writing. And in case of any difference between the Minister and Parish or Vestry as aforesaid, which may not be satisfactorily settled by the godly judgment of the Bishop alone, or which he may decline to consider without counsel, the Bishop (or if the Diocese be vacant, any Bishop selected by the ecclesiastical authority), acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, or with that of the Presbyters only of said Standing Committee (if both parties shall assent to such limitation in writing), shall be the ultimate arbiter and judge. And refusal to accept and comply with the arbitration and judgment on the part of the Minister aforesaid, shall not work a continuance of lawful and canonical rectorship or settlement beyond the date fixed conditionally, or otherwise, for its termination, by such arbitration and judgment, should such termination be recommended and required; but such pastoral connection shall, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, cease and terminate as therein required. But such refusal shall subject the Minister so refusing to inhibition by the Bishop aforesaid from all ministerial offices and functions within the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction. And such refusal on the part of a Parish, shall disqualify it from representation in the Convention of the Diocese, until it shall have been declared by the ecclesiastical authority to have given satisfactory guarantees for the acceptance of, and compliance with, the arbitration and judgment.

§ iii. In case of the regular and canonical dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his congregation, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his Congregation be not regular or canonical, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall lay the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above-mentioned penalties may take effect.

§ iv. This Canon shall not be in force in any Diocese which has made, or shall hereafter make, provision by Canon upon this subject, nor in any Diocese with whose Laws or Charters it may interfere.

Attest :

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops :—

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,

October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 76.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it does not concur in Message No. 72 from that House [relating to amendments to Title II, Canon 13, "Of Marriage and Divorce"], for the reason that great principles, agreed

upon after full discussion by this House, are not contained in the Canon as amended, and the House of Bishops asks for a Committee of Conference.

And the House of Bishops appoints as such Committee of Conference, on its own part, the Bishop of Ohio, and the Bishop of Albany.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of Conference asked for in Message No. 76 from the House of Bishops be granted.

The President appointed as members of said committee on the part of this House, —

The Rev. Drs. Fulton, of Wisconsin, and Watson, of North Carolina; and Messrs. Sheffy, of Virginia, and Brune, of Maryland.

The House took up the Order of the Day, to wit, Report No. 30 of the Committee on Canons relating to Shortened Services. (For the Report, see seventeenth day's proceedings.)

The Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania, offered the following amendment to the Report of the committee: —

On days other than Sunday, Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Ascension Day, it shall suffice if the Minister begin Morning or Evening Prayer at the General Confession or the Lord's Prayer, and end, after the Collect for Grace, or the Collect for Aid against Perils, with 2 Cor. xiii, 14, using so much of the Lessons appointed for the day, and so much of the Psalter, as he shall judge to be for edification.

And note that on any day the Morning Prayer, the Litany, or the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper may be used as a separate Service; *provided*, that no one of these Services shall be disused habitually.

And note, further, that if time or place do not allow even of Services shortened as aforesaid, a Sermon or Lecture shall always be preceded at the least by the Lord's Prayer, and one or more Collects taken from this Book.

The first two paragraphs of the amendment were accepted by the committee, and were adopted. The third paragraph failed of adoption. The final paragraph of the resolution appended to the committee's Report was adopted.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution recommended by the committee, and thus amended, the Clerical Deputation from the Diocese of Louisiana called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-three Dioceses represented, — ayes 40, nays 1, divided 2.

Of the Laity there were thirty Dioceses represented, — ayes 29, nays 1.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ALABAMA. — The Rev. Drs. Banister, and Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.

ALBANY.—The Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harrison.—*Aye.*

ARKANSAS.—The Rev. Messrs. Tupper, and Matthews.—*Aye.*

CALIFORNIA.—The Rev. Dr. Beers.—*Aye.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—The Rev. Dr. Ayrault, the Rev. Mr. Lockwood, and the Rev. Dr. McKnight.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen.—*Nay.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Dr. Breck, and the Rev. Mr. Leverett.—*Aye.*

CONNECTICUT.—The Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Beardsley.—*Nay.*

EASTON.—The Rev. Drs. Barber, Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns.—*Aye.*

FLORIDA.—The Rev. Drs. Scott, and Steele.—*Aye.*

FOND DU LAC.—The Rev. Mr. Averill.—*Aye.*

GEORGIA.—The Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone.—*Aye.*

ILLINOIS.—The Rev. Drs. Chase, and Locke.—*Aye.*

IOWA.—The Rev. Mr. Ryan, and the Rev. Dr. Kemp.—*Aye.*

KANSAS.—The Rev. Dr. Beatty, and the Rev. Mr. Cox.—*Aye.*

KENTUCKY.—The Rev. Dr. Craik, and the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely.—*Aye.*

LONG ISLAND.—The Rev. Drs. Hall, Schenck, Drowne, and Snively.—*Aye.*

MAINE.—The Rev. Messrs. Leffingwell, Upjohn, Hayes, and Alger.—*Aye.*

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Rev. Drs. Burgess, Huntington, and Lambert.—*Aye.*

MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane.—*Aye.*

MINNESOTA.—The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker.—*Aye.*

MISSISSIPPI.—The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Messrs. Marks, and Pickett.—*Aye.*

MISSOURI.—The Rev. Dr. Ingraham, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop.—*Aye.*

NEBRASKA.—The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Messrs. Goodale, and Pater-son.—*Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Millspaugh.—*Nay.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, and the Rev. Mr. Sears.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Eames.—*Nay.*

NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Mr. Langford, and the Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker.—*Aye.*

NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Beach, Cady, Dix, and Seymour.—*Aye.*

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Drs. Watson, Buxton, and Huske.—*Aye.*

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—The Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith.—*Aye.*

OHIO.—The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Bodine, and the Rev. Dr. Brown.—*Aye.*

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Drs. Hare, and Goodwin.—*Aye.*

PITTSBURGH.—The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Mills, and Smith.—*Aye.*

RHODE ISLAND.—The Rev. Messrs. Greer, Richards, Henshaw, and Magill.—*Aye.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Rev. Drs. Pinckney, and Porter, and the Rev. Mr. McCollough.—*Aye.*

SOUTHERN OHIO.—The Rev. Dr. Boyd.—*Aye.*

TENNESSEE.—The Rev. Mr. Fitts, and the Rev. Dr. Harris.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. White.—*Nay.*

VERMONT.—The Rev. Messrs. Putnam, and Roberts.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Hull.—*Nay.*

VIRGINIA.—The Rev. Dr. Hanckel.—*Aye.*

WESTERN MICHIGAN.—The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Conover, and Bancroft.—*Aye.*

WESTERN NEW YORK.—The Rev. Drs. Anstice, and Howard.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Ingersoll.—*Nay.*

WISCONSIN.—The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, and Fulton.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Adams.—*Nay.*

LAY VOTE.

ALBANY.—Messrs. Meads, and Forsyth.—*Aye.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Messrs. Clarke, and Moss.—*Aye.*

CONNECTICUT. — Messrs. Kingsbury, and Stark. — *Aye*.
 DELAWARE. — Mr. Curtis. — *Aye*.
 FLORIDA. — Mr. Walker. — *Aye*.
 GEORGIA. — Messrs. Whittle, and Johnson. — *Aye*.
 ILLINOIS. — Mr. Judd. — *Aye*.
 INDIANA. — Messrs. Duy, and Howe. — *Aye*.
 KENTUCKY. — Mr. Cornwall. — *Aye*.
 LONG ISLAND. — Messrs. Pierrepont, and Prince. — *Aye*.
 LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur. — *Aye*.
 MAINE. — Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — Mr. Brune. — *Aye*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Winthrop. — *Aye*.
 MINNESOTA. — Messrs. Wilder, and Holbrook. — *Aye*.
 MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Messrs. Low, and Tufts. — *Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Wilson, Parker, and Conover. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, and J. G. Martin. — *Aye*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Mills. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Mr. Welsh. — *Aye*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Stiness, and Goddard. — *Aye*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — Mr. McCrady. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — Mr. Horton. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Aye*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Sheffy. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Mr. White. — *Aye*.
 WISCONSIN. — Mr. Doe. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE

CLERICAL VOTE.

LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

DELAWARE. — The Rev. Mr. Douglass. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Littell. — *Nay*.
 MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, and Leeds. — *Aye*. The Rev. Drs. Lewin, and Dalrymple. — *Nay*.

Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, offered the following resolution : —

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Bishops, that this House has failed to concur in Message No. 21 from that House, and that this House requests a Committee of Conference.

A division of the question was called for, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, the second clause of the resolution was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the first clause of Mr. Sheffey's resolution, it was adopted.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops : —

MESSAGE No. 77.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 66 from the House of Deputies [amending Canon 9 of Title III of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 78.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs by a constitutional majority with the House of Deputies in Message No. 45 from that House [permitting the use of the English Lectionary].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 79.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 65 from the House of Deputies [relating to expenses of the General Convention], with the exception of the fifth resolution, relating to the allowance *per diem* to each Deputy.

And the House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies, that it does not concur in Message No. 70 from the House of Deputies [fixing an assessment of \$2 per annum], for the reason that, in the opinion of the House of Bishops, the canonical provision already existing is sufficient.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 80.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 67 from the House of Deputies [appointing a Committee to procure legislation relating to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society], and also in Message No. 68 from the House of Deputies [continuing, temporarily, the present Committees, Bureaus, etc., of the Board of Missions].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 81.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Canon 22, Title I, "On the Use of the Book of Common Prayer," be amended so as to read as follows:—

CANON 22, TITLE I.

§ 1. Every Minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, and on all other occasions of public worship, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same is or may be established by the authority of the General Convention of this Church; and in performing such service no other prayers shall be used than those prescribed by the said Book; *provided*, that the Minister may, by permission of the Ordinary, on any days except the Lord's Day and the festivals of our Lord, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Day of Annual Thanksgiving, begin the Morning Prayer (or the Evening Prayer) at the General Confession, or at the Lord's Prayer, using both or one of the Lessons followed by a Canticle, and then, as ordered, ending after the Collect for Grace (or the Collect against Perils), with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom and 2 Cor. xiii, 14.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, the House resolved itself into the Board of Missions.

IN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Alexander Burgess, D.D., be elected **Chairman**.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Chas. L. Hutchins be elected **Secretary**.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schenck, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee of two Bishops, two Presbyters, and two Laymen be appointed to select and nominate to the respective Houses, the Board of Managers of the Board of Missions.

The Chairman appointed as such committee,

The Rev. Drs. Hancel, of Virginia, and Beach, of New York, and Messrs. Pierrepont, of Long Island, and Goddard, of Rhode Island.

On motion, the Board of Missions rose.

The Board of Missions having risen, the House resumed its session.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Seymour, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to print five thousand copies of the Revised Tables of Lessons of the Church of England, and the proposed Table of Lessons for Lent, Ember Days, and Rogation Days, and send one copy to each Clergyman of this Church, and retain the residue for sale.

The House took a recess, to meet in Trinity Church at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

TRINITY CHURCH, 7.30 P. M.

The House united with the House of Bishops in Divine Service, at the hour appointed for the reading of the Pastoral Letter.

After religious services, conducted by the Bishops of Pennsylvania and California, the Pastoral Letter was read by the Bishop of Kentucky, presiding in the House of Bishops; the Gloria in Excelsis was sung; and the Benediction was pronounced by the Presiding Bishop.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, 9 P. M.

The House of Deputies reassembled.

Mr. Whittle, of Georgia, moved that the House concur in Message No. 81 from the House of Bishops. On this motion the Clerical Deputation from the Diocese of New York called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-two Dioceses represented, — ayes 16, nays 21, divided 5.

Of the Laity there were twenty-seven Dioceses represented, — ayes 6, nays 18, divided 3.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- ALBANY. — The Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harrison. — *Aye*.
 CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers. — *Aye*.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK. — The Rev. Dr. Ayrault, and the Rev. Mr. Lockwood. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen. — *Nay*.
 CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, and the Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Aye*.
 GEORGIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone. — *Aye*.
 ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Drs. Chase, and Locke. — *Aye*.
 IOWA. — The Rev. Dr. Kemp. — *Aye*.
 LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Schenck, Drowne, and Snively. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Hall. — *Nay*.
 LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, Dalrymple, and Leeds. — *Aye*.
 MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Mr. Magrath. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Lane. — *Nay*.
 MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Mr. Marks. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Drs. Hubbard, and Eames. — *Aye*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Richards, and Magill. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Henshaw. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, and Bancroft. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Conover. — *Nay*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, and Howard. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Ingersoll. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

- ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, and Forsyth. — *Aye*.
 MAINE. — Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Mr. Low. — *Aye*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, and Coffin. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — Mr. White. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- ALABAMA. — The Rev. Dr. Massey, and the Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Nay*.
 ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Messrs. Tupper, and Matthews. — *Nay*.
 CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Whitehead, and Leverett. — *Nay*.
 DELAWARE. — The Rev. Messrs. Douglass, and Littell. — *Nay*.
 EASTON. — The Rev. Drs. Barton, Crosdale, and Stearns. — *Nay*.
 FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Messrs. Averill, and Vernor. — *Nay*.
 KANSAS. — The Rev. Dr. Beatty, and the Rev. Mr. Cox. — *Nay*.
 MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker. — *Nay*.
 MISSOURI. — The Rev. Dr. Runcie, and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. — *Nay*.
 NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Mr. Goodale. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. Paterson. — *Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Mr. Langford, and the Rev. Dr. Hills. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Parker. — *Aye*.
 NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Dix, and Seymour. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Cady. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Dr. Watson, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Nay*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Dr. Hare. — *Nay*.

PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Mills, Smith, and Alsop. — *Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Drs. Pinckney, and Porter. — *Nay*. The Rev. Mr. McCollough. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Boyd. — *Nay*.
 TENNESSEE. — The Rev. Drs. White, and Harris. — *Nay*.
 VERMONT. — The Rev. Dr. Hull. — *Nay*.
 WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, Cole, and Fulton. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Adams. — *Aye*.

LAY VOTE.

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Messrs. Clarke, and Moss. — *Nay*.
 DELAWARE. — Mr. Curtis. — *Nay*.
 FOND DU LAC. — Mr. Jenkins. — *Nay*.
 ILLINOIS. — Messrs. Judd, and Whitehouse. — *Nay*.
 INDIANA. — Messrs. Duy, and Howe. — *Nay*.
 KENTUCKY. — Mr. Cornwall. — *Nay*.
 LONG ISLAND. — Mr. Prince. — *Nay*.
 LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur. — *Nay*.
 MARYLAND. — Mr. Brune. — *Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Bennett. — *Nay*.
 MINNESOTA. — Messrs. Wilder, and Holbrook. — *Nay*.
 MISSOURI. — Mr. Gill. — *Nay*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Parker, and Conover. — *Nay*. Mr. Wilson. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, and J. G. Martin. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Mills. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Nay*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Nay*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Sheffey. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

FLORIDA. — The Rev. Dr. Steele. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Scott. — *Nay*.
 KENTUCKY. — The Rev. Dr. Craik. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Tschiffely. — *Nay*.
 MAINE. — The Rev. Messrs. Hayes, and Alger. — *Aye*. The Rev. Messrs. Leffingwell and Upjohn. — *Nay*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Dr. Burgess. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Huntington. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Bronson. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Bodine. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

CONNECTICUT. — Mr. Kingsbury. — *Aye*. Mr. Stark. — *Nay*.
 GEORGIA. — Mr. Whittle. — *Aye*. Mr. Johnson. — *Nay*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — Mr. Babcock. — *Aye*. Mr. Stiness. — *Nay*.

And the motion was accordingly lost.

On motion of Mr. Stark, of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 81 from the House of Bishops, and requests of that House a Committee of Conference.

The President appointed as members of the Committee of Conference, on the part of this House,

The Rev. Drs. Dix, Hall, and Fulton, and Messrs. Sheffey, Stark, and Bennett.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, sundry Reports and resolutions relating to Diocesan representation

in the House of Deputies. On the motion of Mr. Prince, of Long Island, they were laid on the table.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, the preamble and resolution offered by Mr. Judd, of Illinois, on the fourteenth day of the session, and, on motion, they were adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Message No. 31 from the House of Bishops, providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the relations of a Bishop to consecrated churches. On motion, the Message was concurred in.

The President appointed as such committee, on the part of this House,

The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen, of Central New York, Payne, of Albany, Hills, of New Jersey, and Messrs. Meigs, of Northern New Jersey, Hunter, of Long Island, and Coffin, of Pennsylvania.

On motion, the House adjourned.

TWENTIETH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 26, 1877.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Burgess, of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Mr. Hayes, of Maine.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Minutes of the nineteenth day's session were read and approved.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

MESSAGE No. 82.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 72 of the House of Deputies [communicating an amended form of Canon 13 "*Of Marriage and Divorce*"].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 83.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it does not concur in Message No. 79 from the House of Deputies, for the reason that the subject matter has already been provided for by action of this House [see Message No. 81 from the House of Bishops, communicating an amendment to Canon 22, Title I, "*On the Uses of the Book of Common Prayer*"], and for the further reason that it is impossible, at this late stage of the session, to give so grave a proposition the consideration it demands.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 84.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 81 from the House of Deputies, sitting as a Board of Missions, and appoints as the Committee, on the part of the House of Bishops, —

The Bishop of Ohio, the Bishop of Minnesota, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Albany.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 85.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution: —

Resolved, That it is the solemn conviction of this General Convention, in both Houses, that it is the duty of the Clergy and Laity of the Church to take, so far as the opportunity is afforded them, an active interest in the public schools provided by the State, with the purpose of extending the important benefits of a secular education to all our citizens, and of diffusing side by side with these, as much of religious influence and instruction as possible; to supplement them with thorough Christian teaching elsewhere, and to add proper Church schools and institutions for the whole and more complete work of education wherever they are needed, and the means of their support can be commanded.

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the House of Deputies, a Joint Committee, consisting of one Bishop and one Presbyterian and one Layman, be appointed to consider this whole matter during the recess of the Convention, to collate facts and propose suggestions for the next General Convention, and to promote, by any means deemed advisable, the general work of Christian education; and the House of Bishops transmits herewith the Report of the Joint Committee on Christian Education.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 86.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution: —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That it be referred to a Joint Committee of three Bishops and three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, to inquire and report to the next General Convention, what legislation may be necessary and expedient for the authorization and regulation of women working in this Church, under the name of Deaconess or Sister.

And the House of Bishops appoints as the members of such Joint Committee on its own part, the Bishop of Alabama, the Bishop of Long Island, and the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 87.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 76 from the House of Deputies [relating to a Joint Committee to certify changes in the Canons], and appoints as the members of such Joint Committee on its own part, the Bishop of Connecticut, and the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 88.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 73 from the House of Deputies [continuing Joint Committee on the French Prayer Book], and names as members of such Joint Committee on its own part, the Bishops of Louisiana, New York, and Missouri.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 89.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has appointed as the members of the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform, on the part of the House of Bishops, the Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Ohio, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Western New York, the Bishop of Long Island, and the Bishop of Central New York.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 86 from the House of Bishops, with the amendment to the second resolution that the Committee shall consist of two Bishops, two Presbyters, and two Laymen.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, it was

Resolved, That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to transmit to this House the Pastoral Letter.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, the House resolved itself into the Board of Missions.

IN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Rev. Dr. HancKel, from the Joint Committee to nominate a Board of Managers, presented the following Report:—

The Committee appointed by this House (sitting as the Board of Missions) to confer with a similar Committee of the House of Bishops, respectfully report that they concur in nominating as a Board of Managers the following persons:—

CLERICAL.

Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., New York.	Rev. E. A. Hoffman, D.D., Pennsylvania.
Rev. John Cotton Smith, D.D., New York.	Rev. W. N. McVickar, Pennsylvania.
Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., New York.	Rev. George Leeds, D.D., Maryland.
Rev. Heman Dyer, D.D., New York.	Rev. J. Livingston Reese, D.D., Albany.
Rev. Charles H. Hall, D.D., Long Island.	Rev. J. Houston Eccleston, D.D., Northern New Jersey.
Rev. Noah H. Schenck, D.D., Long Island.	Rev. Wm. R. Huntington, D.D., Massachusetts.
Rev. John A. Paddock, D.D., Long Island.	Rev. E. E. Beardsley, D.D., Connecticut.
	Rev. T. F. Davies, D.D., Pennsylvania.

Being 15 of the Clergy; and also

LAY.

F. S. Winston, New York.	Charles R. Marvin, Long Island.
Cyrus Curtis, New York.	Wm. G. Low, Long Island.
B. B. Sherman, New York.	Benjamin Stark, Connecticut.
Stewart Brown, New York.	William Welsh, Pennsylvania.
J. C. Garthwaite, Northern New Jersey.	Lemuel Coffin, Pennsylvania.
George N. Titus, New York.	Thomas A. Tillinghast, Albany.
C. Vanderbilt, Jr., New York.	H. P. Baldwin, Michigan.
William Scott, New York.	

Being 15 of the Laity.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. HANCKEL, *Chairman*.

On motion, the persons nominated in the foregoing Report were elected.

The Board of Missions rose.

The Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, offered the following Minute, which, by a unanimous vote, was ordered to be entered on the Journal of the House.

Deeply impressed with the harmony which has prevailed in this House during all its proceedings, and the manifest proofs of life, earnest Christian life, evinced in the one common desire to set forward the work and kingdom of Christ, we desire to place on record our thankful acknowledgments to the Great Head of the Church, who alone, by His Spirit, "maketh men to be of one mind in a house," and draweth their hearts together.

That the thanks of this House be tendered by a rising vote to the Rev. Dr. Burgess, its President, for the able, vigorous, and efficient manner in which he has discharged the difficult duties of the chair, for the promptness and wisdom of his decisions, and for the impartiality and kindness with which he has sought to treat every Deputy upon this floor during an animated though harmonious session.

Mr. Kingsbury, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to purchase of Messrs. M. H. Malory & Co. copies of the Debates of this House, to be distributed as follows: one to each member of this House, one to each Bishop of this Church, one to each Diocesan Standing Committee, one to each member of the Canadian Deputation, and to the Bishop of Fredericton, and to the Rev. Mr. Tait, and one to the library of each College and Divinity School in the Church.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, the resolution was amended by inserting "300" for "blank," and by adding after the word "House," the words "at an expense not exceeding \$1,000," and omitting the words "one to each member of this House."

The amended resolution was then adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:—

REPORT NO. 44.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a resolution in regard to the examination of Candidates for Deacons' Orders only, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the subject of the examinations of Candidates for Deacons' Orders only, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Admission of Ministers of other Christian bodies into the Ministry of this Church.

By order of the Committee,

ALFRED A. WATSON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the foregoing Report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Watson, from the Committee of Conference upon the amendment to Section ii of Canon 8 of Title I, presented the following Report:—

The Committee of Conference, appointed upon the part of this House to confer with the Committee of the House of Bishops upon the amendment to Section ii of Canon 8 of Title I, report the following:—

Resolved, That the consideration of Section ii be referred to the Joint Committee upon the subject of the Admission of Ministers of other Christian bodies, to report to the next Convention.

On behalf of the Committee on the part of this House,

ALFRED A. WATSON.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the above Report was adopted.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 23 of the Committee on Canons, relating to Professors in Colleges, etc. (For the Report, see fourteenth day's proceedings.)

On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, the resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island (on the sixteenth day of the session), relating to the organization of the House of Deputies, and the Rev. Dr. Schenck offered the following substitute, which, on motion, was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Order of the Organization of the House of Deputies, and prescribing the duties of the Secretary, be amended as follows, viz.: Insert in the third line, after the word "absence," the words "one of," and after the word "Assistant" the words, "in the order of their appointment"; and change the word "both" to "all" in the fourth line, and in the fourth line of the 144th page change the word "an" to "three," and "Secretary" to "Secretaries" in this line and that following also, and make the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth lines read as follows, viz.: "The duties thereof shall devolve upon the Assistant Secretaries, or if the Assistant Secretaries shall die or resign, a Secretary shall be appointed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the next General Convention is to meet."

The appointment of the Rev. Mr. Tschiffely, and the Rev. Dr. Hay, as first and second Assistant Secretaries, was confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. Dix, from the Committee of Conference on the subject of Shortened Form of Morning and Evening Prayer, presented the following Report:—

The Committee of Conference of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies upon the subject of the diverse action of the two Houses as to the proposed Shortened Order of Morning and Evening Prayer, respectfully report that they have duly considered the matter committed to them. The Committee on the part of the House of Bishops presented a copy of instructions given them, as follows:—

Resolved, That the Committee of Conference on the part of this House be instructed to inform the Committee on the part of the House of Deputies that it is

not possible, in the present thinness of this House, to reopen a subject of such grave consequence already determined in a much fuller attendance of the House.

Upon an interchange of views upon the subject, the committee were of the opinion that it would be impracticable to secure joint action at the present session of the General Convention.

ALFRED LEE.
WM. BACON STEVENS.
W. B. W. HOWE.
MORGAN DIX.
JOHN FULTON.
CHARLES H. HALL.
HUGH W. SHEFFEY.
BENJ. STARK.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut, moved that this House recede from its noncurrence in Message No. 81 from the House of Bishops, and that it now concur in said Message.

On this motion the Lay Deputation of Illinois called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

Of the Clergy there were forty-two Dioceses represented, — ayes 28, nays 7, divided 7.

Of the Laity there were twenty-eight Dioceses represented, — ayes 13, nays 12, divided 3.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

- ALABAMA. — The Rev. Mr. Hunt. — *Aye*.
ALBANY. — The Rev. Mr. Battershall, and the Rev. Drs. Pennell, and Harison. — *Aye*.
CALIFORNIA. — The Rev. Dr. Beers. — *Aye*.
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Whitehead, and Leverett. — *Aye*.
CONNECTICUT. — The Rev. Dr. Beardsley, and the Rev. Messrs. Knight, and Johnson. — *Aye*.
EASTON. — The Rev. Dr. Stearns. — *Aye*.
FOND DU LAC. — The Rev. Mr. Averill. — *Aye*.
GEORGIA. — The Rev. Messrs. Rees, and Boone. — *Aye*.
ILLINOIS. — The Rev. Dr. Chase. — *Aye*.
IOWA. — The Rev. Dr. Kemp. — *Aye*.
KANSAS. — The Rev. Dr. Beatty, and the Rev. Mr. Cox. — *Aye*.
LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Schenck, Drowne, and Snively. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Hall. — *Nay*.
LOUISIANA. — The Rev. Mr. Girault. — *Aye*.
MARYLAND. — The Rev. Drs. Hutton, Lewin, Dalrymple, and Leeds. — *Aye*.
MASSACHUSETTS. — The Rev. Drs. Burgess, and Lambert. — *Aye*. The Dr. Huntington. — *Nay*.
MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Messrs. Magrath, and Lane. — *Aye*.
MINNESOTA. — The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker. — *Aye*.
MISSISSIPPI. — The Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the Rev. Messrs. Marks, and Pickett. — *Aye*.
NEBRASKA. — The Rev. Dr. Oliver, and the Rev. Mr. Paterson. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Millspaugh. — *Nay*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, and the Rev. Mr. Sears. — *Aye*.
 The Rev. Dr. Eames. — *Nay*.
 NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Drs. Hills, and Parker. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Langford. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Bodine. — *Aye*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — The Rev. Messrs. Richards, and Magill. — *Aye*. The Rev. Mr. Henshaw. — *Nay*.
 SOUTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Dr. Pinckney, and the Rev. Mr. McCollough. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Porter. — *Nay*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — The Rev. Dr. Boyd. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN MICHIGAN. — The Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, and Bancroft. — *Aye*.
 WESTERN NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Anstice, and Howard. — *Aye*.
 WISCONSIN. — The Rev. Drs. DeKoven, and Cole. — *Aye*. The Rev. Dr. Fulton. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

ALBANY. — Messrs. Meads, and Forsyth. — *Aye*.
 DELAWARE. — Mr. Curtis. — *Aye*.
 FOND DU LAC. — Mr. Jenkins. — *Aye*.
 KENTUCKY. — Mr. Cornwall. — *Aye*.
 MAINE. — Messrs. Bridge, and Gardiner. — *Aye*.
 MARYLAND. — Mr. Brune. — *Aye*.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — Messrs. Shattuck, Mudge, and Winthrop. — *Aye*.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — Messrs. Low, and Tufts. — *Aye*.
 NEW JERSEY. — Messrs. Wilson, and Conover. — *Aye*. Mr. Parker. — *Nay*.
 OHIO. — Mr. Moss. — *Aye*.
 PENNSYLVANIA. — Messrs. Welsh, and Coffin. — *Aye*.
 SOUTHERN OHIO. — Mr. Horton. — *Aye*.
 VERMONT. — Mr. Williams. — *Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERICAL VOTE.

ARKANSAS. — The Rev. Messrs. Tupper, and Matthews. — *Nay*.
 NEW YORK. — The Rev. Drs. Dix, and Seymour. — *Nay*. The Rev. Dr. Cady. — *Aye*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — The Rev. Dr. Watson. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — The Rev. Messrs. Stansbury, and Smith. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, and the Rev. Messrs. Smith, and Alsop. — *Nay*.
 VERMONT. — The Rev. Dr. Hull, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts. — *Nay*.
 VIRGINIA. — The Rev. Dr. Hanckel. — *Nay*.

LAY VOTE.

FLORIDA. — Mr. Walker. — *Nay*.
 GEORGIA. — Mr. Johnson. — *Nay*.
 ILLINOIS. — Messrs. Judd, and Whitehouse. — *Nay*.
 INDIANA. — Messrs. Duy, and Howe. — *Nay*.
 LONG ISLAND. — Mr. Prince. — *Nay*.
 LOUISIANA. — Gen. Augur. — *Nay*.
 NORTH CAROLINA. — Messrs. Battle, and J. G. Martin. — *Nay*.
 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. — Mr. Mills. — *Nay*.
 PITTSBURGH. — Mr. Shoenberger. — *Nay*.
 RHODE ISLAND. — Messrs. Stiness, and Goddard. — *Nay*. Mr. Babcock. — *Aye*.
 TENNESSEE. — Mr. Fairbanks. — *Nay*.
 VIRGINIA. — Mr. Sheffey. — *Nay*.

DIOCESES DIVIDED.

CLERICAL VOTE.

DELAWARE.—The Rev. Mr. Douglass.—*Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Littell.—*Nay.*
 FLORIDA.—The Rev. Dr. Steele.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Scott.—*Nay.*
 KENTUCKY.—The Rev. Dr. Craik.—*Aye.* The Rev. Mr. Tschiffely.—*Nay.*
 MAINE.—The Rev. Messrs. Leffingwell, and Alger.—*Aye.* The Rev. Messrs. Upjohn, and Hayes.—*Nay.*
 MISSOURI.—The Rev. Dr. Runcie.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Ingraham.—*Nay.*
 PENNSYLVANIA.—The Rev. Dr. Goodwin.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. Hare.—*Nay.*
 TENNESSEE.—The Rev. Dr. Harris.—*Aye.* The Rev. Dr. White.—*Nay.*

LAY VOTE.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Mr. Clark.—*Aye.* Mr. Moss.—*Nay.*
 CONNECTICUT.—Mr. Kingsbury.—*Aye.* Mr. Stark.—*Nay.*
 MINNESOTA.—Mr. Holbrook.—*Aye.* Mr. Wilder.—*Nay.*

And the resolution was not adopted.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

MESSAGE NO. 90.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
 October 25, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it appoints as the member on the part of this House of the Joint Committee on Christian Education,—

The Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

MESSAGE NO. 91.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
 October 25, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Joint Committee be appointed (to sit during the recess) on the matter of providing Shortened Services, by Rubric or otherwise, and the House of Bishops appoints, as the members of such Committee on its own part,—

The Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 91.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, the resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, on the sixteenth day of the session (relating to a collection of anthems), and on motion, the resolution was adopted.

The following Messages were received from the House of Bishops:—

MESSAGE NO. 92.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
 October 25, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 83 from the House of Deputies [relating to Joint Committee on Relation of Bishops to Consecrated Churches], and appoints as such Joint Committee on its own part:—

The Bishop of New York, the Bishop of Central New York, and the Bishop of Iowa.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary.*

MESSAGE No. 93.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in Message No. 35 [relating to Christian Education], and names as such additional member of the Joint Committee on their own part, —

The Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 94.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has already taken order for the publication of the Pastoral Letter; that at present it has no copy in its possession, and that it will as soon as possible furnish printed copies to every Clergyman of the Church.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

On motion of Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops and request them to concur in the action of this House, in extending the session until 1.30 P. M.

The President appointed as such Committee the Rev. Dr. Pennell, and Mr. Coffin.

The House proceeded to the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 26 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see sixteenth day's proceedings.)

On motion, it was referred to the next General Convention.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops: —

MESSAGE No. 95.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in the action [electing a Board of Managers, etc.] communicated in Message No. 88 from the House of Deputies, and also in Message No. 89 from that House [referring matter to the Joint Committee on Admission of Ministers of other Bodies].

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, the Report of the Joint Committee on the Force of Joint Resolutions (for the Report, see sixteenth day's proceedings), and on motion, it was referred to the next General Convention.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Message No. 48 from the House of Bishops; and on motion, it was laid on the table.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 31 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see seventeenth day's proceedings.) On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 32 from the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see seventeenth day's proceedings.)

The Rev. Dr. Harison, of Albany, offered the following amendment to the resolution accompanying the Report:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the whole subject of Synods of Dioceses, and of Suffragan Bishops be referred to a Joint Committee to report to the next General Convention.

The amendment was adopted, and on motion, the resolution as amended was adopted.

The President appointed as members, on the part of this House, of such committee:—

The Rev. Dr. Garrison, of New Jersey, the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, the Rev. Dr. Hall, of Long Island, Mr. Judd, of Illinois, Mr. Baldwin, of Michigan, Mr. Fish, of New York, Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops, and request of that House an extension of the session, reported that they had performed that duty, and that the House of Bishops acceded to the request.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 35 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see eighteenth day's proceedings.) On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The President appointed the following persons on the part of this House as members of the Joint Committee on Deaconesses and Sisters:—

The Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, the Rev. Dr. Parker, of New Jersey, the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts, Mr. Winthrop, of Massachusetts, Mr. Judd, of Illinois, Mr. Stark, of Connecticut.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 39 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see nineteenth day's proceedings.) On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was laid on the table.

The House proceeded with the business on the Calendar, to wit, Report No. 40 of the Committee on Canons. (For the Report, see nineteenth day's proceedings.) On motion, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

The President appointed the following persons as members, on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee to consider the subject of Shortened Services:—

The Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut, the Rev. Mr. Langford, of New Jersey, Mr. Meads, of Albany, Mr. Bridge, of Maine, Mr. Prince, of Long Island.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That in case of need, the Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Treasurer of the General Convention be authorized to make an additional assessment, not exceeding one dollar for every Clergyman in the Church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Leverett, of Central Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the House are hereby cordially presented to the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries for their efficient and acceptable fulfilment of the manifold duties of their office.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform them that this House is ready to adjourn.

The President appointed as such Committee, —

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, and Mr. Parker, of New Jersey.

On motion of Mr. Winthrop, of Massachusetts, it was

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, committees sitting during the recess have power to fill their own vacancies.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Pennell, of Albany, it was

Resolved, That we recognize the great value to this Convention of the use of the rooms of the Episcopal Church Association, and we extend to the officers of that organization our sincere thanks.

The following Message was received from the House of Bishops : —

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 96.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it does not concur in Message No. 90 from the House of Deputies, for the reason of want of time at this late period to give the subject due consideration. That for the same reason it declines to concur in Message 93 [as to appointing a Committee to prepare a Book of Anthems]. The House of Bishops concurs with the House of Deputies in Messages 92, 95, and 98, and appoints as members of the Joint Committee called for by Message 97 (relating to Joint Committee on Synods of Dioceses, and Suffragan Bishops), the Bishops of Kentucky, North Carolina, New York, Easton, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and Albany.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Secretary*.

The Minutes of the day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform them that this House was ready to adjourn, reported that they had performed that duty, and that the House of Bishops had no further communication to make to this House.

After singing the Doxology, prayers were read by the President, and the House adjourned.

ALEX. BURGESS,
President.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,
Secretary.

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHURCH, BOSTON,
Wednesday, October 3, A. D. 1877.

THIS being the day appointed in the Constitution, and the place appointed by the last General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, for the meeting of this body, the Right Reverend the Bishops of Kentucky, Michigan, Maryland, Delaware, Mississippi, Connecticut, North Carolina, California, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Northern New Jersey, Ohio, Minnesota, Easton, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Kansas, Western New York, Tennessee, Nebraska, Pittsburgh, Louisiana, Maine, Montana, Georgia, Vermont, Missouri, Oregon, Albany, Central New York, Arkansas, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Central Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, Bishops of Colorado, Wisconsin, Northern Texas, Western Texas, Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, Bishops of New Jersey, Western Michigan, Southern Ohio, Illinois, Fond du Lac, and Iowa, and the Bishop of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent, attended Divine Service in Trinity Church.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., Secretary, and the Rev. William Tatlock, Assistant Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Rev. T. Stafford Drowne, D.D., Provisional Secretary of the House of Deputies, and the Rev. Craufurd Tait, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Sermon was preached by the Bishop of Connecticut, from St. Luke vii, 22.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Presiding Bishop, assisted by the Bishops of Michigan, Maryland, Delaware, Mississippi, Connecticut, North Carolina, California, New York, Massachusetts, and others.

After Divine Service the Bishops assembled in the Chapel of Trinity Church.

The Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The Bishops of North Carolina and Central New York introduced to the House the Right Rev. C. Clifton Penick, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent.

The roll was called by the Secretary, whereupon the Bishops above named appeared and took their seats.

The Presiding Bishop declared the House to be organized, and ready for business.

The Bishop of Western New York offered the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, That the House proceed to the election of a Secretary, and that in this election the ballot be dispensed with,—

which was adopted.

On nomination of the Bishop of Michigan, the Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., was elected Secretary of this House.

The Presiding Bishop announced that the Secretary had, with the approbation of the Presiding Bishop, appointed the Rev. William Tatlock Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop of Maryland gave notice that to-morrow he would offer two resolutions, in reference (1) to the Rules of Order, and (2) to a Canon passed at the last Convention by the House of Bishops.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inform the House of Deputies that this House is organized, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday morning, one hour after the hour appointed for Morning Prayer.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

The roll being called, there were present as yesterday, with the exception of the Bishops of Minnesota and Iowa, and the addition of the Bishops of Alabama, Long Island, and the Assistant Bishop of Maryland.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Pennsylvania read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania asked leave of absence on behalf of the Bishop of Iowa, which was granted.

A Committee of the House of Deputies was introduced by the Secretary, and announced that that House had organized by the election of the Rev. Alexander Burgess, D.D., as President, and the Rev. Charles L. Hutchins, as Secretary, and was ready for business.

The Presiding Bishop appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the Admission of New Dioceses.—The Bishops of New York, Indiana and the Assistant Bishop of North Carolina.

On the Consecration of Bishops.—The Bishops of Michigan, Texas, and Virginia.

On Amendments of the Constitution.—The Bishops of Maryland, Rhode Island, and Louisiana.

On Canons.—The Bishops of Connecticut, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Long Island, and Massachusetts.

On Domestic Missions.—The Bishops of Minnesota, Maine, Kansas, Albany, and Southern Ohio.

On Foreign Missions.—The Bishops of Ohio and Arkansas, the Assistant Bishop of Maryland, and the Bishops of Central Pennsylvania and Niobrara.

On the Prayer Book.—The Bishops of Western New York, Georgia, and South Carolina.

On Memorials.—The Bishops of Delaware, Nebraska, and Central New York.

On the General Seminary.—The Bishops of California, Alabama, and Oregon.

On Unfinished Business.—The Bishops of Missouri and New Hampshire, and the Missionary Bishop of Western Texas.

On Despatch of Business.—The Missionary Bishop of Montana, and the Bishops of Vermont and New Jersey.

On Christian Education.—The Bishops of Easton, Pittsburgh, and Wisconsin.

The Presiding Bishop presented a communication from the

Archbishop of Canterbury, in relation to the appointment of a Day of Intercession for Missions.

The Bishop of Ohio, on behalf of the Special Committee on the Organization of Provincial Synods, presented the following Report, viz.: —

The Special Committee on the Organization of Provincial Synods report that at a meeting held in Boston, on October 2, it was ordered that the following resolution be submitted for the action of the House of Bishops, viz.: —

Resolved, That in the judgment of this House the time has arrived when it is expedient that the Church shall take order for the association of its Dioceses into provinces.

Respectfully submitted.

G. T. BEDELL, *for the Committee*.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, the resolution of the committee was made the Order of the Day for Tuesday, October 9, at 12 o'clock.

The Bishop of Western New York offered the following resolution, viz.: —

Resolved, That the Rules of Order be referred to a Special Committee of three to report, this day, any additions or amendments which, in their judgment, may be expedient or necessary,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following resolution, viz.: —

Resolved, That together with the Rules of Order adopted at the last General Convention, the following, to take place as a First Rule, be committed for reduction into place.

RULE I. § 1. On assemblage of the House of Bishops in General Convention the Bishop of senior consecration entitled to seat in the House, shall preside, and perform, then and thereafter, such functions assigned by the Constitution or Canons to the Presiding Bishop, as he shall not (during session of the House, orally or otherwise; or, when the House is not in session, in writing, for any specified business, or during any specified limit of time) assign to one or other of his assessors.

§ 2. The Assessors of the Presiding Bishop shall be the two Bishops whose names, at any meeting of the House of Bishops in General Convention, shall be nearest to the middle of the List of Members of the House; beginning with the middle, if there be an odd number.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following resolution, viz.: —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the First Canon of the Third Title of the Digest be so amended that the present Sections iii, iv, and v be hereafter numbered as Sections iv, v, and vi, and that the following Section be introduced, to follow Section ii, viz.: —

Assistance and Expenses of Presiding Bishop.	§ iii. [1.] The Presiding Bishop, for his aid in correspondence and other labour devolved upon him by the Constitution and Canons, may, at each General Convention, or from time to time, as need shall occur, appoint a secretary, to be paid quarterly by the Treasurer of the General Convention, a stipend not to exceed dollars per annum.
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[2.] Expenditures of the Presiding Bishop, or his duly appointed Assessor or Delegate, in fulfilment of duty assigned by the Constitution or Canons, for correspondence, printing, or travel, shall be defrayed by the Diocese, Standing Committee, Board, or Congregation, in each case, at the instance of which such expenditure shall have been incurred.

[3.] At each General Convention the account of the Presiding Bishop for maintenance of his Secretary, and for all other expenditures and receipts on account of the same, shall be handed in to the Treasurer of the Convention, for audit together with his accounts.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the four rules of 1832 in relation to the Presiding Bishop be referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

On motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That so much of Canon 15, Title I, Section xi, paragraph [1] as relates to a Council of Conciliation be referred to the Committee on Canons, with the view of ascertaining whether it be not in conflict with other Canons, and whether it may not be expedient to modify or repeal the said clause.

The Bishop of Western New York offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That one of the Bishops shall be appointed by the Chair to act with the Secretaries in furnishing daily reports of the action of this House to public journalists.

On motion of the Bishop of Western New York, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

The Bishop of Ohio presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the following Standing Rule be adopted by this House as a Rule of Order, viz. :—

The House of Bishops intrusts to the seven senior Bishops of this House the duty of presenting to it, not later than the fifteenth day of its Triennial Session, a draft of a Pastoral Letter.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

On motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That Canon 15, Title I, Section x, be referred to the Committee on Canons, to ascertain what changes may be necessary in view of the altered character of Episcopal Addresses to Diocesan Conventions.

The Bishop of Western New York offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of creating a Joint Commission to revise the Constitution of this Church, and in case they should resolve to report favourably to such a measure, to report, also, a plan for the construction and direction of such a Commission.

On motion of the Bishop of Western New York, the above resolution was made the Order of the Day for Tuesday next, immediately after the Order of the Day already appointed for 12 o'clock.

On motion of the Bishop of Indiana, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report to this House, whether Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II of the Digest covers the case of a Presbyter or Deacon deposed under the Canon of Renunciation (Canon 5 of Title II), and also whether, in their opinion, any, and if any, what amendment to said Section is necessary to make its purpose and interpretation more clear.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That Canon 4 of Title II be referred to the Committee on Canons, to consider the advisableness of repealing the first five Sections of said Canon.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons, to consider whether sentences of suspension ought not to be included in [2] of Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II.

The Bishop of Massachusetts offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the Secretary of the House be instructed to lay before the House each morning after the opening of the session, a printed Calendar of all Orders of the Day not yet discharged.

On motion of the Bishop of Massachusetts the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

The Bishop of Long Island offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the hour for the adjournment of this House each day be 3.30 P. M. until further ordered, and that the House shall take a recess of thirty minutes daily at 1 o'clock P. M.

On motion of the Bishop of Western New York, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

On motion, the House took a recess until 1.30 P. M.

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Michigan in the Chair.

The Bishop of Central New York presented the following invitation, viz. :—

The Librarian of the Theological Library, in behalf of the Trustees, invites the members of this House to visit the Library, and to make use of its resources at any time during the session of the Convention,

which was accepted.

The Bishop of Albany presented the following invitation, viz. :—

The Trustees of the Art Museum ask for the selection of some evening in next week on which the Trustees may give a reception to the General Convention.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, it was

Resolved, That this House is happy to accept the invitation of the Art Museum, and will name Saturday, October 13, at 8 P. M., as the time for such reception.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on Rules of Order, the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, the Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, and the Bishop of Western Michigan.

A communication from the Bishop of Haiti was presented to the House, and, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Triennial Report of the Missionary Bishop of Yeddo was presented to the House, and, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

A communication from the Diocese of New Jersey, touching the matter of Shortened Services, was presented to the House, and on motion was referred to the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book.

A communication from the Diocese of New York, on the same subject, was referred, on motion, to the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book.

On motion of the Bishop of Nebraska, it was

Resolved, That this House elect, by ballot, a Committee of three Bishops to act with a Committee of the House of Deputies as a Joint Committee to nominate a Board of Missions.

The Bishop presiding appointed as tellers the Bishop of Fond du Lac and the Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas. The House having voted, the tellers reported that the Bishop of Nebraska had received a majority of the votes cast. Subsequent ballots having been had, the Bishops of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh were declared to be elected.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 21 of Title I be so amended, that to the present Canon, retained as a first Section, there be added a second Section, as follows : —

§ ii. Ministers shall also be continually diligent in the inculcation of Christian holiness of life, in such following of the example of our Saviour Christ, as shall exhibit to the world, in the membership of the Church, a peculiar people, called out to be separate from all vain pomps and glories, covetous desires, fraudulent dealings, and perilous consortings, and frivolities; and more especially, as occasion shall require, shall warn their people against habits of gaming, intemperance, attendance at places frequented by evil livers, and sports abused to purposes of licentiousness or fraud; exhorting to the maintenance of family worship

and the due observance of the Lord's Day; and calling upon parents and sponsors to train their children and godchildren, both by precept and example, faithfully to observe their baptismal vows.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following resolution, viz :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 13, Title II, be repealed, and that the following be adopted and numbered as Canon 13, Title II, Of Marriage and Divorce.

§ i. If any persons be joined together otherwise than as God's word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

§ ii. No Minister of this Church shall solemnize matrimony in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband of either party still living, and where the divorce was obtained for some cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties divorced seeking to be united again.

§ iii. No Minister of this Church shall present for Confirmation, or administer the Holy Sacraments to any person divorced for any cause arising after marriage, and married again to another in violation of this Canon during the lifetime of such divorced wife or husband; but this prohibition shall not extend to the innocent party, where the divorce has been for the cause of adultery, nor to any penitent person *in extremis*.

§ iv. Questions touching the facts of any case arising under this Canon shall be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary District; or, if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate, then to some Bishop designated by the Standing Committee, who shall thereupon make inquiry, by a commissary or otherwise, and deliver his godly judgment in the premises.

§ v. This Canon, as far as it affixes penalties, does not apply to cases occurring before its taking effect according to Canon 4, Title IV.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Colorado presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to propose such change in [4] Section vii, Canon 15, Title I, as will bring the same into agreement with [6] of said Section of Canon 15, Title I,

which was adopted.

The Assistant Bishop of Maryland presented a Memorial from the Trustees of the Church School for Girls, at Washington, D. C., which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

On motion, the House adjourned.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Friday, October 5, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service at Emmanuel Church with the House of Deputies.

The roll was called; present as yesterday, with the exception of the Bishop of Mississippi.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Cape Palmas read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Presiding Bishop presented the record of his official acts since the last General Convention, which was read by the Secretary.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to receive and introduce to this House the Rev. Craufurd Tait, the Chaplain of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, charged with the greetings of His Grace to this body.

The Presiding Bishop having appointed the Bishops of Connecticut and Ohio as such Committee, they introduced the Rev. Craufurd Tait, who presented the greetings of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, That the Secretary of this House be instructed to convey to the Rev. Mr. Tait the expression of the affectionate respect with which this House has received the kind message with which it has been favored by the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Canterbury through the acceptable medium of his son and chaplain, and the assurance of our gratification in the receipt of this evidence of sympathy and fraternal affection on the part of the venerated head of our sister Church in England,

which was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Rhode Island, of the Joint Committee on the Lectionary for Lent, permission was given for the printing of their Report for the use of this House.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the consideration of [2] Section ii, Canon 10, Title II, respectfully report that they recommend for adoption by this House the following resolution.

Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, that [2] Section ii, Canon 10, Title II, be amended by inserting after the word "degraded" the words "or suspended."

By order of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, the resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented a Report on the proposed Canon "Of Marriage and Divorce," pending the discussion of which the House took a recess of half an hour. (See fourth day's proceedings.)

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Michigan in the Chair.

The Triennial Report of the Bishop of Cape Palmas was presented, and on motion of the Bishop of Easton, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Memorials and Petitions, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Trustees of Church School for Girls at Washington, D. C., beg leave to report by recommending that the same be referred for further consideration to the Standing Committee on Christian Education.

ALFRED LEE, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Bishop of Delaware, the recommendation of the Report was adopted, and the Memorial was referred to the Standing Committee on Christian Education.

The Bishop of Nebraska offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the 9th Article of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following clause, viz. :—

"But in case a Commission shall at any time be created by the General Convention for the revision of the Constitution and Canons of the Church, then the revision that shall be agreed upon by said Commission may be submitted as a whole to the several Dioceses, and if said revision shall be ratified and adopted as a whole by two thirds of the Dioceses it shall become the law of the Church."

On motion of the Bishop of Nebraska, the above resolution was referred to the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution.

The Bishop of Montana presented the following preamble and resolution, viz. :—

WHEREAS, In the Canons, the words "Jurisdiction" and "District" are used indiscriminately to define the area over which a Missionary Bishop exercises Episcopal functions, while the word "District" seems to be the better, therefore

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That in Title I, Canon 15, Section vii, [5], in the seventh line, and in the twelfth line;

And in [6] in the third line, and in the fifth line;

And in [7] in the third line;

And in Section viii, [7], in the third line, and in the sixth line, and in the seventh line, and in the eighth line, and in the eleventh line;

And in [8] in the thirteenth line;

And in [9] in the fifth line;

And in [10] in the second line;
the word "Jurisdiction" be stricken out, and the word "District" be inserted in its place.

On motion of the Bishop of Montana, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The discussion of the Report of the Standing Committee on Canons in relation to the proposed Canon of Marriage and Divorce being resumed,

The Bishop of Western New York offered the following as an amendment, viz. :—

Resolved, That Section third of the proposed Canon of Divorce be amended by striking out the words *in extremis*.

The Bishop of Alabama offered the following as an amendment to the amendment of the Bishop of Western New York, viz. :—

Resolved, That the third Section be amended by substituting after the words "nor to any" the words "person truly penitent, whose penitence is manifested by a dissolution of the unlawful marriage connection, so far as it can be effected."

The Bishop of Massachusetts offered the following as a substitute for the whole matter, viz. :—

Resolved, That the following be substituted for Section iii, viz. :—

§ iii. No minister of this Church shall present for Confirmation, or administer the Holy Sacraments to any person divorced and married again to another in violation of the law of God, during the lifetime of such divorced wife or husband, unless it be made evident that the act was committed in ignorance of the law of God and His Church, and that the seeker for the Rites or Sacraments of the Church is truly penitent.

But this prohibition shall not extend to the innocent party, where the divorce has been for the cause of adultery, nor to any penitent person *in extremis*.

On motion of the Bishop of North Carolina, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Standing Committee on Canons on the proposed Canon of Marriage and Divorce, be referred back to the committee, together with the proposed amendments and substitute.

The Bishop of Arkansas moved that the House reconsider its action of this morning adopting the proposed amendment of Canon 10, Title II, "Of Sentences," and the reconsideration was ordered.

On motion, the House adjourned.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,
Saturday, October 6, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies.

The roll was called. Present as yesterday, with the exception of the Bishop of Georgia, and the addition of the Bishop of Minnesota. The Bishops of Virginia and Niobrara also appeared and took their seats.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Iowa read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

On motion of the Bishop of Missouri, the Secretary was instructed to ask for the return of Message No. 2, of this House, to the House of Deputies, touching Canon "Of Sentences."

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed amendment of Article 9 of the Constitution, by addition of a new clause, be postponed until after the Order of the Day for Tuesday next shall have been taken up.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the Canon, "*Of Marriage and Divorce*," presented by the Bishop of Maryland, ask leave to report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following Canon, "*Of Marriage and Divorce*," be substituted in place of Canon 13, Title II, which is hereby repealed, and that the said Canon be numbered Canon 13, Title II, viz. :—

OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

§ i. If any persons be joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

§ ii. No Minister of this Church shall solemnize matrimony in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband of either party still living, and where the divorce was obtained for some cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again.

§ iii. No Minister of this Church shall present for Confirmation, or administer the Holy Sacraments to any person divorced for any cause arising after marriage, and married again to another in violation of this Canon during the lifetime of such divorced wife or husband; but this prohibition shall not extend to the innocent party, where the divorce has been for the cause of adultery, nor to any penitent person forsaking the forbidden state, or *in extremis*.

§ iv. Questions touching the facts of any case arising under this Canon shall be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary District; or, if there be a

vacancy in the Episcopate, then to some Bishop designated by the Standing Committee, who shall thereupon make inquiry, by a commissary or otherwise, and deliver his godly judgment in the premises.

§ v. This Canon, so far as it affixes penalties, does not apply to cases occurring before its taking effect according to Canon 4, Title IV.

The Bishop of Connecticut moved the adoption of the resolution reported by the committee.

The Bishop of Texas offered the following as an amendment to the resolution of the committee, viz. :—

Resolved, That the following be substituted for Section iii, viz. :—

§ iii. No Minister of this Church shall present for Confirmation, or administer the Holy Sacraments to, any person divorced and married again to another in violation of the law of God, during the lifetime of such divorced wife or husband, unless it be made evident that the act was committed in ignorance of the law of God and His Church, and that the seeker for the Rites or Sacraments of the Church is truly penitent.

But this prohibition shall not extend to the innocent party, where the divorce has been for the cause of adultery.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Report of the committee be postponed until after the Report is received from the Committee on the subject of Marriage with Relatives.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on the Prayer Book respectfully report that they find referred to them certain resolutions, passed by the Diocese of New York, on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1877. The first opposes as inexpedient the proposed change of the Constitution, in Article 5, which in no respect bears upon the subject of the Prayer Book. The second and third of these resolutions oppose as inexpedient the proposed changes of the Constitution, in Article 8. These changes, if made, would enable this Convention to take steps for setting forth a short Service, in addition to those now authorized in the Prayer Book, and also to amend the Lectionary, but as they simply refer to constitutional changes, preliminary to such action, this committee considers itself not competent to express any opinion on the subject.

They have also had referred to them resolutions of similar purport, as touching proposed changes in Article 8 of the Constitution, which were passed in the Diocesan Convention of New Jersey, May 29, 1877.

They respectfully ask that the following resolutions may be passed by this House, viz. :—

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Prayer Book be excused from further consideration of the subject.

2. *Resolved*, That the resolutions of the Dioceses of New York and New Jersey, referred to in this Report, be placed on file till further order.

A. CLEVELAND CONE,
JNO. W. BECKWITH,
W. B. W. HOWE,

Committee.

On motion, the first resolution was adopted.

On motion, the second resolution was adopted.

The Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, from the Special Committee on the Rules of Order, presented the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT.

The committee to whom were referred the Rules of Order of this House, with instructions to "report any additions or amendments which, in their judgment, may be expedient or necessary," and to whom were also committed certain proposed Rules and Orders offered by members of the House for its consideration, respectfully report :—

Several of the proposed Rules of Order appear unsuited to be classed among such Rules (which ought to be regulations directing in what manner the business of the House shall proceed), and are fit rather to be set forth as Standing Resolutions or Orders of the House. Such they esteem, the four Rules of 1832, which concern the functions of the Presiding Bishop, and which they recommend to be reaffirmed and printed in the Journal as Standing Orders, except that they propose to amend the third resolution, which directs "that at any Consecration of a Bishop the Senior Bishop of this Church present be the presiding Bishop for that solemnity," by adding the words "unless some other Bishop shall have been assigned to such service on any special occasion by the Presiding Bishop in writing." And they propose one additional Order, which will presently be recited.

The Rules of Order adopted by this House at the last General Convention, after a few verbal emendations and with certain added regulations, which will be presently proposed for adoption, your committee recommend for re-enactment. From the second Rule under the head of "First Day's Session," they propose to strike out the words "to claim his seat," and after the word "appearing" to insert the words "in the House of Bishops," so that the rule shall read as follows :—

II. "Any Bishop appearing in the House of Bishops for the first time after his Consecration, shall then be presented, etc."

In Rule V, under the head of "Daily Order," they propose to substitute for the words "dispensed with," the word "postponed," so that it shall read, "The Order of the Day shall be taken up at the hour appointed, unless postponed by a vote of two thirds of the members present."

They propose to add to this rule the following provision :—

"It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare and place upon the table in front of his desk, each morning after the opening of the House, a Calendar of all Orders of the Day not yet discharged."

From Rule IX, under the head of "General Rules," the committee propose to strike out the words "when a Chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected," and to insert in their stead, "whenever the House is about to sit in Committee of the Whole, a chairman of such committee shall be elected by vote of the House, and if desired by five bishops such vote shall be by ballot."

Your committee propose to add to the Rules of Order, under the head of "General Rules," two new regulations, to wit :—

"XVI. Two of the bishops shall be appointed by the Chair to act with the Secretaries in preparing daily reports of the action of this House, and furnishing them at their discretion to public journalists."

"XVII. The House of Bishops intrusts to the seven senior Bishops of this House the duty of presenting to it, not later than the fifteenth day of its Triennial Session, a draft of a Pastoral Letter."

If these be adopted according to the numbering suggested by your committee, the present Rules, numbered XVI, XVII, and XVIII, respectively, must become XVIII, XIX, and XX.

The committee offer the following resolutions :—

(1.) *Resolved*, That the four Rules concerning the designation and functions of the Presiding Bishop, adopted by the House in 1832, with an amendment of the

third Rule as recommended in this Report be, and the same are, reaffirmed and ordered to be printed with the Journal as Standing Orders of this House.

(2.) *Resolved*, That there be added to these Standing Orders, as number five, the following:—

“5. The two Bishops nearest, at the opening of any General Convention, to the middle in the list of Bishops, written in the order of seniority, shall be the Assessors of the Bishop Presiding, to perform all functions incumbent on him in that capacity not prescribed by Canon, which he may please to delegate to them or one of them, in person or by letter.”

(3.) *Resolved*, That these Standing Orders of this House be printed with the Triennial Journals thereof.

(4.) *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order in force at the last General Convention, with certain verbal amendments and additional provisions as set forth in this Report, be adopted by this House.

(5.) *Resolved*, That the following be adopted as Rules XVI and XVII, to wit:—

“XVI. Two of the Bishops shall be appointed by the Chair to act with the Secretary in preparing daily reports of the action of this House, and furnishing them at their discretion to public journalists.

“XVII. The House of Bishops intrusts to the seven senior Bishops of this House the duty of presenting to it, not later than the fifteenth day of its Triennial Session, a draft of a Pastoral Letter.”

And that the Rules now numbered XVI, XVII, XVIII, be counted XVIII, XIX, and XX.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and your committee request to be discharged.

M. A. DEW. HOWE.
T. B. LYMAN.
GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

The question being on the first resolution reported by the committee, it was adopted.

The question being upon the second resolution, on motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, it was laid upon the table for the present.

The question being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution, the *first* amendment proposed by it, relating to Rule II, was adopted.

On motion, the *second* amendment, relating to Rule V, was adopted.

On motion, the *third* amendment, relating to the same rule, was adopted.

On motion of the Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, it was

Resolved, That instead of the proposed amendment to Rule IX, as reported by the committee, the present Rule, with the omission of the words “*pro tem.*” and the insertion instead thereof of the words “*of the same,*” be, and the same is hereby, adopted as Rule IX.

Pending the consideration of the proposed Rule of Order, No. XVI, the Bishop of North Carolina asked permission to print a majority Report of the Committee on Suffragan Bishops, which was granted.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania asked permission to print a minority Report from the same committee, which was granted.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday morning at 10½ o'clock.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Monday, October 8, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the chair.

The roll was called; present as on Saturday, with the addition of the Bishop of Georgia, and the exception of the Bishops of Mississippi and Virginia.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Fond du Lac read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Presiding Bishop presented an invitation from the Historical and Genealogical Society.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the House accept this invitation, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey the thanks of this House for the courtesy.

The Bishop of Maryland presented the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That the Rules of Order be amended so as to arrange for the presentation of Memorials and Petitions immediately after communications from the President, —

which, on his motion, was referred to the Special Committee on Rules of Order.

The Bishops of Texas and Albany introduced to the House the Right Rev. William F. Adams, Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona, appearing for the first time since his consecration, who addressed the House.

The following Messages were received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

MESSAGE NO. 1.

BOSTON, MASS., 4th Day of the Session,
October 6, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following preamble and resolution : —

WHEREAS, It is very desirable that the Bishops, the Clerical and Lay mem-

bers of the General Convention, should have some opportunity of personal intercourse, and whereas the pressing business of the Convention so occupies the time of the members that no such occasion is afforded; therefore,

Resolved, That this House respectfully request the House of Bishops to set apart some day and hour which may suit their convenience, when the members of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies may have the pleasure of making the acquaintance of their Rt. Rev. Fathers in God, and enjoy a few hours of social intercourse.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 4th day of the Session,
October 6, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 2.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Expenses be authorized to act on a Joint Committee, the other members being those appointed by the House of Bishops, for a better consideration of the expenses and accounts of the Convention, and also to report how the expenses may be reduced.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 4th day of the Session,
October 6, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 3.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the Committee on Canons of the two Houses have power to sit as a Joint Committee, whenever either committee shall communicate to the other a request to that effect.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 4th day of the Session,
October 6, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 4.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Deputies assents to the request of the House of Bishops, in the return of Message No. 2.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 5th day of Session,
October 8, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 5.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed the following Committee on the part of this House to nominate a Board of Missions: The Rev. Dr. Lewin, of Maryland; the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island; the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Ohio; Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Stark, of Connecticut; and Mr. McWhorter, of Central New York.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Long Island, it was

Resolved, That until further order the House will adjourn daily at 3 P. M.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the motion of the Bishop of Montana in regard to certain verbal changes in Title I, Canon 15, Section vii, respectfully report,

That they deem any action inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

For the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the consideration of Title I, Canon 15, Section x, ask leave to report,

That inasmuch as the Canon does not make the duty prescribed absolute and peremptory, no action in the premises is, in their opinion, expedient, and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

In behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania presented a Memorial from the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Bishop of Albany presented a Memorial from certain Alumni of the General Theological Seminary, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Bishop of Maryland presented a Memorial from the Society for the Promotion of Church Work among Colored People, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Bishop of Iowa presented a Memorial from the Convention of the Diocese of Iowa, in relation to setting off a Missionary Jurisdiction from the present territory of that Diocese, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Bishop of Iowa presented a Memorial from the Convention of the Diocese of Iowa, in relation to the proposed change of name of the Church, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

On motion of the Bishop of Long Island, it was

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 3, of the House of Deputies, providing that the Standing Committees on Canons of the two Houses have leave to sit as a Joint Committee.

On motion of the Bishop of Missouri, it was

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No 2, of the House of Deputies, and will appoint a committee to meet with the Committee on Expenses of the House of Deputies on the subject-matter referred to in the Message.

On motion of the Bishop of Maine, it was

Resolved, That Message No. 1, of the House of Deputies, be referred to a Special Committee.

The Presiding Bishop appointed as such committee,—

The Bishop of Massachusetts, the Bishop of California, the Bishop of Maine, the Bishop of Louisiana, and the Bishop of Central New York.

The consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on the Rules of Order being resumed, and the question being on the Fifth Resolution reported by the committee, the Bishop of Alabama moved the following amendment to the proposed Rule XVI, viz. :—

Provided, That nothing shall be officially reported save that which is final, which was not adopted.

The Bishop of Ohio moved the following amendment to the proposed Rule XVI, viz. :—

That all the words relating to a formation of a Committee of Bishops to assist the Secretaries in reporting daily the action of this House be omitted,

which was not adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed Rule XVI, it was adopted.

The House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Delaware in the Chair.

A communication from the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary was received, and, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

The Missionary Bishop of Northern Texas presented his Triennial Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The discussion of the Report of the Committee on Rules of Order being resumed, the Bishop of Easton offered the following as a substitute for the proposed Rule XVII, viz. :—

Resolved, That the Second Rule of Order be amended by inserting at the end of Section ii the words following :—

“ 13. A Committee to prepare a Pastoral Letter, of which Committee the Presiding Bishop shall be Chairman,”

which was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the Second Rule of Order as amended by such substitution, it was adopted.

The question being on the Fifth Resolution reported by the committee as amended, it was adopted.

The Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, for the Committee on Rules of Order, reported as follows, viz. :—

That this committee recommends the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Bishop of Maryland, placing the words, "*b. Petitions and Memorials*," immediately after "*a. Communications from the President*," and lettering the remainder of the Daily Order accordingly.

M. A. DEW. HOWE, *Chairman*.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the second resolution reported by the committee, relating to Assessors, laid on the table on Saturday, it was, on motion of the Bishop of California, laid on the table.

The question being on the adoption of the Rules of Order thus amended, they were adopted.

The Bishop of North Carolina, from the Special Committee on Marriage with Relatives, presented a Report.

The Bishop of Maryland, of the same committee, presented a minority Report.

On motion of the Bishop of Alabama, both Reports were referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Joint Committee to attend the last meeting of the Provincial Synod of Canada, presented the following Report:—

The undersigned, being a part of the Commission appointed by the General Convention, at its session in 1874, to convey the fraternal greetings of that body to the Provincial Synod of Canada, respectfully report that they attended the first session of the Synod after their appointment, which convened in the city of Montreal on the 12th day of September, 1877.

It gives them pleasure to state that they were received with the utmost cordiality, were introduced separately to the two Houses of the Synod, and were privileged to meet with a Joint Committee of the Synod, to consider the means of regulating in the most satisfactory way, the close and intimate relations necessarily subsisting between the sister Churches, lying side by side along the whole breadth of this continent. The resolutions agreed upon by the Conference in New York in 1874 were concurred in by the committee. In the course of their examination, it was seen that for the protection of the Church in Canada an amendment of our own Canon 8, Title II, Section v, or some equivalent provision, is needed, to the effect that notice of the deposition of a Clergyman of this Church shall be given to the Bishops of the several Dioceses in the British Dominions in North America, as well as to our own Bishops. It was stated by the Rt. Rev. the Chairman of the Committee, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, that an equivalent provision was already a part of the law in Canada, or that if he were mistaken, such provision would be made by appropriate legislation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. WILLIAMS.
JAMES CRAIK.
EDWIN M. VAN DEUSEN.
NOAH HUNT SCHENCK.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three Bishops be appointed by the Presiding Bishop to present the Deputation from the Provincial Synod of the Dominion of

Canada to this House on Wednesday next, immediately after the reading and acceptance of the Minutes.

The Bishop Presiding appointed as the Committee to present the Deputation,

The Bishop of Michigan, the Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Western New York.

The Bishop Presiding appointed as the Committee to act with the Secretary in preparing a statement of the action of this House for publication in the daily journals,

The Bishop of Western New York, the Bishop of Iowa.

The Bishop Presiding appointed, as the members on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee on Expenses,

The Bishop of Indiana, the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, the Bishop of Iowa; together with the Secretary.

The Bishop of Texas offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report upon the expediency of so amending the Canons as to provide,

That in the case of Candidates not having had Episcopal ordination, but acknowledged as ordained Ministers or Licentiates by any denomination of Christians, the period of candidateship shall not be less than one year; and also, in the case of applicants for admission to the Ministry of the Church, having had Episcopal ordination, the time of probation shall in no case be less than one year.

Pending the consideration of which the House adjourned.

SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Tuesday, October 9, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the chair.

The roll was called; present as yesterday, with the addition of the Bishop of Virginia, and the exception of the Bishop of Northern New Jersey.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Illinois read a portion of Scripture, and the presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Bishop of Illinois presented a Memorial from the Diocese of Illinois in relation to a division of that Diocese, which, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses.

On motion of the Bishop of Rhode Island the rules were suspended, in order to present a Report.

The Bishop of Rhode Island, from the Joint Committee on the Lectionary for Lent, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Joint Committee appointed at the last General Convention to prepare a Lectionary for Lent begs leave respectfully to—

REPORT.

We present herewith a Table of Lessons for Lent, to be used at the discretion of the Minister instead of the Lessons elsewhere appointed in the Calendar.

The committee was loath hastily to abolish Lessons now in use and endeared by custom. Moreover, while the new selection has been made with care and deliberation, and while we indulge the hope that, when tried, it may be found to serve the need and meet the wishes of the Church, we deem it more prudent not to enforce its use absolutely. We therefore present an alternative Table instead of a substitute for the present Calendar.

In framing this Table, it would not suffice to select edifying chapters haphazard. Some of the principles of construction by which we have been guided are as follows :—

1. To prefer “unappropriated” Scriptures; *i. e.*, those not already chosen as the Lessons, or as the Epistles and Gospels for Sundays and Holy Days. For the sake of brevity, we shall use the words “appropriated” and “unappropriated” in this special sense. This principle has not been followed servilely, but it will be found upon examination that the Lessons now proposed for Lent are, with a very few exceptions, taken from *unappropriated* chapters.

If one will be at the pains to mark in his Bible the passages now appropriated for special use, and will then examine the residuum, he will be interested to observe how many notable chapters, most profitable for public reading, are now unappropriated.

A few such may be instanced. In the historical books, the chapters which relate the story of the Death of Abel, of the Brazen Serpent, of the Intercession for Sodom, and of the calling of Samuel.

In the Prophets generally, and in Ezekiel more especially, many most stirring rebukes and glowing prophecies are passed over. So also of several most edifying chapters in the Synoptic Gospels. But most notable is the non-use of three remarkable chapters in St. John, viz., the Discourse at Jacob's Well, the Discourse at Capernaum, and the Discourse uttered when the Greeks would see Jesus. In the Book of Acts, the story of the Philippian jailer stands unappropriated. We are glad of an opportunity to bring these Scriptures into bolder relief.

So also the Book of Job and the Revelation of St. John have been used in a few selections only. We think that we are warranted by the expressed wishes of the Church, with which our own judgment concurs, in using them largely for Lenten instruction.

2. A second principle of selection is suggestiveness. It greatly assists the preacher, and lessens the strain upon his inventiveness, to find in the service a theme suggested, out of which a sermon or lecture may grow naturally. We have sought for such chapters, especially for the First Lessons at Evening Prayer, inasmuch as Lenten Lectures are oftenest delivered at that time. To illustrate with a single week, the Evening Lessons of the Fifth week in Lent suggest such themes as these: Solomon's Choice, Elisha's Deliverance, Josiah Repairing the Temple, Nehemiah Arming the Labourers, Agur's Prayer, and Solomon's Account of the Virtuous Woman.

3. The four introductory days of Lent, the Ember Week in Lent, and the week before Easter, are provided for as of exceptional interest.

4. The Revelation of St. John is assigned to the evenings of the Sundays and of the Days in Holy Week. The order into which the chapters fall seems to us not inappropriate. We listen at the beginning of the Lenten Fast to the messages to the Seven Churches. In mid-Lent we have one vision after another passing before us of the King in His Glory, making ready presently to judge

the earth. And the latter chapters, with their blessed vision of peace, are to be read when we are brought in recollection nearest to the Cross.

It would seem that the latter days of Lent need some such softening light. There is a dominant note of triumph which should be held even in our *De profundis*. The strain upon the sensibilities, day by day, as the story of the Passion is rehearsed, is so great as almost to incapacitate us for the Easter joy. Hence we have thought it well, even while we speak mournfully of Him whom wicked hands did crucify and slay, to introduce into the story of the death some sweet notes of triumph touching the victory won by death.

5. The lessons average about twenty verses. Some few are longer, where the chapter did not admit of division; and some are shorter, where longer reading would distract attention from the sententious lesson contained in a few verses.

Having thus suggested in part the principles on which we have proceeded, we now present a brief analysis of the Table, preferring to indicate the connection pervading these Lessons, rather than give an exhaustive account of them.

ANALYSIS OF THE TABLE FOR LENT.

1. THE FOUR INTRODUCTORY DAYS OF LENT. The First Lessons for Ash Wednesday are chosen from the Book of Lamentations. St. Luke's account of our Lord's Fasting in the Wilderness is deemed specially appropriate as the inauguration of Lent, and the iteration of the same story by St. Matthew in the Gospel for the following Sunday is not an objection. St. Paul's account of the Inner Conflict, an "unappropriated," is chosen for the evening.

During the three days following, the Book of Jonah and two stirring chapters of Amos supply the First Lessons. The available chapters of St. Matthew and of Romans supply suitable Second Lessons.

2. THE EMBER WEEK. The Pastoral Epistles (all of 1 Timothy, except one chapter, being "unappropriated") furnish daily lessons. For the First Lesson we have Ezekiel's Warnings to the Watchmen, the Reproof of Shepherds, the Vision of the Dry Bones, and also, from Kings, the Story of the Man of God that was disobedient to the Word of the Lord.

3. THE SUNDAYS IN LENT. The First Lessons suggest the danger of Pride in Prosperity, and of Forgetfulness of God, as illustrated in the fall of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and in the worship of the Golden Calf. Elijah under the Juniper, Elijah and the Fifties, Abraham interceding and Lot delivered, are some of the chapters chosen; while the messages to the Seven Churches are heard in the evening.

4. INFERIOR DAYS IN LENT. During four weeks the Book of Job is read at Morning Prayer. There is room for variety of opinion and of taste in the selection and division of these chapters. In the evening the First Lessons are largely historical and narrative, for the reason of "suggestiveness" heretofore given. The unappropriated Gospels and Epistles supply the Second Lessons.

5. HOLY WEEK. On Palm Sunday morning the First Lesson is Zechariah xi, which tells how the Staves of Beauty and Bands were broken by the rejection of Christ, whose price they weighed for the pieces of silver cast to the Potter. The Second Morning Lesson relates to the characteristic incident of the day,—the entry into Jerusalem. The First Evening Lesson is the song of Miriam and the account of Marah and Elim.

As the week advances the historical order is observed. Thus, the cursing of the Fig-tree is related on Monday and its withering on Tuesday.

The Murder of Abel, Jacob's Vision, and the Line of Scarlet Thread are introduced early in the week, while some of the fervent chapters of the Apocalypse carry forward and upwards the story of the Cross. For Maundy Thursday the Smitten Rock and the Discourse at Capernaum are chosen. On Good Friday, the Great Day of Atonement and the Cities of Refuge are the Lessons. For Easter Eve we have the Children coming Unscathed from the Fiery Furnace, and the passage dry-shod over Jordan, leading on to St. John's account of the New Heaven and the New Earth. On Easter Sunday morning, the First Lesson is of the Brazen Serpent, while the Second tells the Post-Resurrection story,

"Lovest thou Me?" a chapter "unappropriated." In the evening, Ezekiel's Vision of Waters is connected with the River of the Water of Life, in the last chapter of the Bible.

LESSONS FOR EMBER DAYS AND ROGATION DAYS.

We submit herewith a Table of Lessons for Ember Days and Rogation Days. It is in the main identical with that submitted to the last General Convention, except that the Lessons for Ember Week in Lent are conformed to the foregoing Table of Lessons for Lent.

In laying upon your committee the duty which we have thus sought to discharge, the Convention has anticipated the adoption of a change proposed in the Constitution. It would be premature, therefore, to ask at this time for any definite action in the premises. We therefore append to this Report the Tables which we have prepared for your consideration, and ask that they may lie upon the table for future consideration.

THOS. M. CLARK.
HENRY C. LAY.
W. H. A. BISSELL.
M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE.
I. G. HUBBARD.
CHAS. R. HALE.

(For Tables of Lessons, see Appendix VI.)

On motion, the Report was laid on the table for the present.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Standing Committee on Canons, on the proposed Canon of Marriage and Divorce, postponed on the fourth day, be laid on the table for the present.

The Bishop of Nebraska presented his Triennial Report of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Dakota, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the majority and minority Reports on a proposed Canon "Of marriages forbidden because of relationship between the parties," respectfully report, that having considered the said Canon, they find the same to be correct as to its canonical form, and, therefore, so report it to this House;

But as to the substantive matter of the Canon, the committee respectfully decline to give any opinion unless so instructed by this House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That on Wednesday, at 12 M., the House will go into Council.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Maryland, touching a proposed addition to Title I, Canon 21, respectfully report, that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a section be added to Title I, Canon 21, to be numbered Section ii, as follows:—

§ ii. Ministers shall also be continually diligent in the inculcation of Christian holiness of life in such following of the example of our Saviour Christ as shall exhibit to the world in the membership of the Church a peculiar people, called out to be separate from all vain pomps and glories, covetous desires, fraudulent dealings, and all things which imperil spirituality of life; and more especially, as occasion shall require, shall warn their people against habits of gaming, intemperance, the criminal destruction of ante-natal life, attendance at places frequented by evil livers, and sports abused to purposes of licentiousness or fraud; exhorting to the maintenance of family worship and the due observance of the Lord's Day; and calling upon parents and sponsors to train their children and godchildren, both by precept and example, faithfully to observe their baptismal vows.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The Bishop of Alabama moved to amend the Canon by substituting the word “specifically” for the word “especially,” in Section ii of the Canon.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution reported by the committee, as thus amended, it was adopted.

On motion, this action was ordered to be communicated to the House of Deputies.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Maryland, touching certain changes in Title III, Canon 1, of the Digest, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following be adopted as a section of said Canon, to be numbered Section iii:—

§ iii. [1.] The Presiding Bishop, for his aid in correspondence and other labor devolved upon him by the Constitution and Canons, may, at each General Convention, or from time to time, as need shall occur, appoint a Secretary to be paid quarterly by the Treasurer of the General Convention a stipend not to exceed dollars per annum.

[2.] Expenditures of the Presiding Bishop in fulfilment of duty assigned by the Constitution or Canons for correspondence, printing, or travel, shall be defrayed by the Diocese, Standing Committee, Board, or Congregation, in each case, at the instance of which such expenditure shall have been incurred.

[3.] At each General Convention the account of the Presiding Bishop for maintenance of his Secretary, and for all other expenditures and receipts on account of the same, shall be handed in to the Treasurer of the General Convention, to be audited with the accounts of said Treasurer.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the present Sections iii, iv, and v of the Canon aforesaid be hereafter numbered as Sections iv, v, and vi.

All which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the first resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

On motion, the second resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Colorado touching a proposed amendment of Title I, Canon 15, Section vii [4], respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [4] of Section vii of Canon 15 of Title I be amended to read as follows : —

The jurisdiction of this Church extending in right, though not always in form, to all persons belonging to it within the United States, it is hereby enacted, that each Missionary Bishop shall have jurisdiction over the Clergy in the district assigned him; and in case a presentment and trial of a Clergyman become proper, the clerical members of the Standing Committee appointed by the Missionary Bishop, as is hereinafter provided for, may make presentment, and the trial shall take place according to the Constitution and Canons of any Diocese of this Church which may have been selected at the time of the appointment of such Standing Committee. *Provided*, That the court shall be composed of at least three Presbyters, excluding the members of the Standing Committee and the accused. And if there be not a sufficient number of qualified Presbyters within his jurisdiction, the said Missionary Bishop may call to his aid Presbyters of any Diocese sufficiently near.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

The Order of the Day having been called, the Bishop of Ohio called up the resolution reported on the second day of the session by the Special Committee on the Organization of Provincial Synods, and moved its adoption.

Pending the discussion, the House took a recess of half an hour.

The House resumed its session, the Bishop of Delaware presiding.

The Bishop of Montana presented the Triennial Report of the Missionary Bishop of Nevada, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

On motion of the Bishop of Iowa, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report whether there exists any ambiguity in the words "any five Bishops of this Church," in Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II, "Of the Remission or Modification of Judicial Sentences"; and in the event of there appearing any ambiguity, to present to this House such modification of the Canon as shall remove the same.

On motion of the Bishop of California, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Prayer Book be instructed to consider the expediency of providing a prayer for preservation in journeys on land, which can be lawfully used by our Clergy at any time, and if deemed expedient to report such a form of prayer.

On motion of the Bishop of Alabama, the Order of the Day was suspended, and the resignation of the Right Rev. William F. Adams, D.D., of the Missionary Jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona, was presented by the Presiding Bishop, together with a Memorial from the Jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona.

On motion of the Bishop of Long Island, it was

Resolved, That the letter of the Bishop of New Mexico, with any papers bearing on the same subject, be referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Missionary Bishop of Western Texas presented his Triennial Report, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Missionary Bishop of Colorado presented his Triennial Report, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Bishop of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Social Intercourse with the House of Deputies, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The committee on the part of this House to consider and report upon a preamble and resolution contained in Message No. 1 from the House of Deputies, respectfully requesting this House “to set apart some day and hour, which may suit their convenience, when the members of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies may have the pleasure of making the acquaintance of their Rt. Rev. Fathers in God, and enjoy a few hours of social intercourse,” would respectfully report in favor of the proposition, and would recommend the passage of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops has sincere pleasure in welcoming the suggestion of the House of Deputies for an opportunity on the part of the two Houses to meet in social and brotherly intercourse; and would respectfully name Thursday next at one o'clock as the time, and the Hotel Brunswick as the place; where, after the Houses have lunched together, they may find in the large room above a convenient place for a continuance of brotherly intercourse until three o'clock.

BENJ. H. PADDOCK,
Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

The discussion of the Order of the Day being resumed, it was, on motion, made the Order of the Day for Thursday at 12 o'clock.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Memorials and Petitions, to whom was referred the Memorial from Alumni of the General Theological Seminary asking that certain changes be made in the Constitution thereof, beg leave to report that the Memorial be referred to the Committee upon the General Theological Seminary.

ALFRED LEE.

On motion, the Memorial was referred to the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

The Bishop of Easton, on behalf of the Committee on Christian Education, offered the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Committees of the two Houses on Christian Education have leave to sit as a Joint Committee,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Long Island offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That Canon 5, Section iii, Title III, be amended by striking out Clause [12],

which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the House adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,
Wednesday, October 10, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the chair.

The roll was called ; present as yesterday, with the addition of the Bishop of Northern New Jersey.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Western Michigan read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Presiding Bishop appointed the following as a Committee to prepare a Pastoral Letter : —

The Bishop of Kentucky, the Bishop of North Carolina, the Bishop of Ohio, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of South Carolina.

The Bishop of Michigan, on behalf of the Committee appointed to introduce the delegation from the Provincial Synod of Canada, introduced to the House the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara, the Rev. Dr. Whitaker, Archdeacon of York and Prolocutor of the Lower House, the Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Niagara,

the Rev. Dr. Brock, Fennings Taylor, Esq., and Thomas White, Jr., Esq., who, having been welcomed by the Presiding Bishop, presented the following address : —

To the Right Reverend the Presiding Bishop, and the Right Reverends the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in General Convention assembled : —

We, the deputation appointed by the Provincial Synod of Canada, at its last session, held in the city of Montreal, to convey to this august body the assurance of their most cordial and affectionate brotherly love and good-will, would present ourselves before you with the fervent prayer that God the Holy Ghost may be in your midst, to guide and direct you in all your deliberations, and that thus the work which you are now taking in hand may be owned and abundantly blessed of God, for the promotion of His glory and the extension and prosperity of His Church, through the merits of His Blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We desire also to convey to you, Right Reverend Fathers, on behalf of the Provincial Synod of Canada, an expression of the lively satisfaction with which they welcomed, at their recent meeting, the delegation from your General Convention. They will long cherish a grateful memory of the most profitable and pleasing intercourse which they enjoyed with its several members; and they are assured that, under the divine blessing, the happiest results must follow from such interchanges of brotherly love, as well as from the testimony, so powerfully borne on that occasion, to the great truths which Christ's Church holds, as her common heritage, in every clime.

I. HURON.

T. B. NIAGARA.

M. BOOMER, *Dean of Huron.*

GEORGE WHITAKER, *Archdeacon of York,*

Prolocutor of the Lower House.

W. McMURRAY, D.D., D.C.L., *Archdeacon of Niagara.*

ISAAC BROCK.

THOS. WHITE, JR., *Montreal.*

FENNINGS TAYLOR.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop of Huron and the Bishop of Niagara be invited to sit with this House during its session.

The Bishop of New York, from the Standing Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, to whom were referred the papers connected with the proposed formation of two new Dioceses out of the present Diocese of Illinois, composed of the districts specified in the resolutions adopted in the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois consenting to said formation of new Dioceses, having found in the documents submitted to them evidence that the requirements of the Constitution have been complied with, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions : —

1. *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That this Convention hereby consents to, and ratifies the formation of a New Diocese, within the limits of the Diocese of Illinois, to be composed of that part of said Diocese lying west of the Illinois River and La Salle County, and south of the counties of Whiteside and Lee.

2. *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That this Convention hereby consents to, and ratifies the formation of a New Diocese within the limits of the

Diocese of Illinois, to be composed of all that part of the State of Illinois lying south of the counties of Woodford, Livingston, Ford, and Iroquois, and east of the Illinois River.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HORATIO POTTER,
Chairman.
JOS. C. TALBOT.
T. B. LYMAN.

The hour having arrived for the Order of the Day, it was, on motion, postponed until the conclusion of the discussion of the report of the Committee on the proposed New Dioceses in Illinois.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 6th day of the Session,
October 9, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 6.
The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following preamble and resolution :—

WHEREAS, A request has been presented to the House of Deputies from the Diocese of Virginia, that a new Diocese be erected in the present Diocese of Virginia, "to consist of the territory of the State of West Virginia, according to the State lines thereof," and

WHEREAS, It appears by official documents laid before this House that the Bishop of Virginia has consented to the erection of the said Diocese, and that all the requirements of Article 5 of the Constitution and of the Canons are fulfilled, and

WHEREAS, The protest of Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, fails to furnish evidence to invalidate these facts, when duly considered in connection with the official documents submitted to the House of Deputies, and the counter protest of G. W. Thompson, also submitted; therefore, be it

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies do hereby consent to the erection of the said new Diocese, "to consist of the territory of the State of West Virginia, according to the State lines thereof."

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary.*

On motion of the Bishop of Montana, this Message was referred to the Standing Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses.

The following Message was also received, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 6th day of the Session,
October 9, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 7.
The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following preamble and resolution :—

WHEREAS, A very large proportion of men whose lot is labour, are not in living connection with any Church, and being thus separated from the divinely ordained means of grace, have acquired habits of profanity, and have yielded to other corrupting influences, ruinous to their own spiritual welfare, and through dangerous organizations are arraying themselves against the very capital that affords them profitable employment; and

WHEREAS, Forgeries and other equally glaring frauds now superabound in high places, extending even to the trusted ones in Church and State; and

WHEREAS, The only known remedy for these evils intrusted by God to the Christian Church has been brought before this Convention, and its practical consideration urged in a sermon delivered at the opening of the session; therefore

Resolved, That this House, the House of Bishops concurring, enjoin the clergy to urge upon all Laymen and women the obvious Christian duty of uniting with

them in working as our Lord did when upon earth, by "individual loving sympathizing ministries to single souls."

Second. To ascertain and provide for the spiritual needs of the neglectors of their souls, by establishing adult Bible classes and mothers' meetings, into which they can be drawn by loving assiduities, taught, trained, and spiritually nourished until prepared to profit fully by the regular services of the Church.

Third. To promote the establishment of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods and other churchly agencies, by which the social element may be reverently developed.

Fourth. To provide frequent and varied services to which all shall be freely invited and cordially welcomed by those who hold in trust from God superior intelligence, literary leisure, or social position, that the rich and the poor may, as in the Primitive Church, worship together in the House of the Lord.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message also was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 7th day of the Session,
October 10, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 8.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House express to the House of Bishops its pleasure at hearing from that House that it will meet the House of Deputies in social intercourse on Thursday next.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Western New York, it was

Resolved, That the vote be taken on the resolutions reported by the Standing Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, at 11.30 A. M., to-morrow.

On motion of the Bishop of North Carolina, the Order of the Day was postponed to 2 o'clock to-day.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Long Island touching [12] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [12] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III be, and is hereby repealed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution as reported by the committee was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Indiana, together with the resolution of the Bishop of Iowa, touching proposed changes in Title II, Canon 11, Section ii, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II be amended to read as follows : —

§ ii. A Bishop of this Church may remit and terminate any sentence of deposition or degradation canonically pronounced by him upon a Presbyter or Dea-

con within his jurisdiction if, upon reasons which, with unanimous advice and consent of the Standing Committee of his Diocese, he shall deem sufficient, he shall receive from the five Bishops in charge of Dioceses or Missionary Districts nearest to his own, to whose judgment he shall submit his proposed action, with his reasons for the same, their unanimous consent and approval for the proposed remission; *provided*, that this Section shall not apply to cases provided for by Canon 6 of Title II.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution as reported by the committee was adopted.

The House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Michigan in the Chair.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Pennsylvania touching a proposed amendment of Title I, Canon 15, Section xi [1], respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [1] of Section xi of Canon 15 of Title I be amended so as to read as follows:—

Every Bishop in this Church shall visit the Churches within his Diocese at least once in three years, for the purpose of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behavior of his Clergy, administering the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, ministering the Word, and, if he think fit, administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the people committed to his charge. And if a Bishop shall decline for more than three years so to visit any Church for reasons which he may deem sufficient, he may lay the matter before the Standing Committee of the Diocese as his council of advice, who shall be authorized to hear the other party in the premises, and to recommend what they shall deem to be a proper adjustment of the matters pending between them. If the Bishop shall neglect so to apply to the Standing Committee, or if the adjustment recommended by the Standing Committee be refused by either party, it shall be competent for such Bishop, and also for the Rector or Minister of such Church, acting with the Vestry thereof, to apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint the five Bishops in charge of Dioceses or Missionary Districts nearest to the Diocese in which such Church is situated, who shall meet within a period of not less than two months from the time of summons, at such place as may be fixed upon by the Presiding Bishop, and amicably determine the matters at difference between the parties; and each party shall conform to the decision of a majority of the members of said Council, provided four at least shall be present at the time when a decision is made. But the decision of such Council of Conciliation shall not be taken as being an authoritative or judicial interpretation of the points submitted to it if they involve any question of Canons or Rubrics.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as reported by the committee, the Bishop of Albany moved the following amendment, viz.:—

Resolved, That Title I, Canon 15, Clause XI, Section i, be amended by striking out all after the words "to the people committed to his charge."

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following as a substitute for the amendment of the Bishop of Albany, viz. :—

Resolved, That the Report before the House be recommitted to the committee with instructions to consider the expediency and practicability of transferring so much of Section xi of Canon 15 of Title I as follows the words "committed to his charge" to a more proper place under Title II; say, as a substantive Canon between Canon 8 and what is now Canon 9,

which was adopted.

Pending the discussion, the hour appointed having arrived, the House went into Council.

The Council having risen, the House resumed its session.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the House adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Thursday, October 11, 1877.

The House met and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called ; present as yesterday.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of New Jersey read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, of the Delegation from the Provincial Synod of Canada, was introduced, and addressed the House.

The Bishop of Virginia presented papers from the Diocese of Virginia, making application for the erection of a new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese of Virginia, which, on his motion, were referred to the Standing Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses.

The Presiding Bishop presented a communication from the Rev. S. I. J. Schereschewsky, D.D., Bishop elect of Shanghai, declining the appointment, which, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

Message No. 7 of the House of Deputies, relating to the duty of

the Church to "the laboring classes," having been called up, on motion of the Bishop of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That this Message be referred to a Special Committee of three Bishops.

The Presiding Bishop appointed as such committee,

The Bishop of Easton, the Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Bishop of Central New York.

The Bishop of California, from the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary, to whom were referred the amendments proposed with regard to the Constitution of the said Seminary, and also the petition of the Alumni, would report : —

With regard to the first paper, that they do not think it expedient at present that any changes should be made in the Constitution of the General Seminary.

With regard to the petition of the Alumni, the committee would submit that the effect of granting such petition would be to virtually transfer the government of the General Theological Seminary into the hands of the Alumni. They submit that such action on the part of the General Convention would be most unwise, to say the least. They therefore recommend that the petition be not further considered, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully reported.

In behalf of the Committee,

WM. INGRAHAM KIP, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, the Report of the committee was laid on the table, and made the Order of the Day for Friday, October 12, at 12 M.

The Bishop of Albany, from the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, to whom were referred,

1st. The letter of the Right Rev. W. F. Adams, asking leave to resign the Missionary Jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona ; and

2d. A memorial from the Rev. Henry Forrester, and eighteen others, laymen, resident in New Mexico, asking the House of Bishops to "send out another Bishop at once";

Report that they feel themselves unable to advise the acceptance of the resignation of Bishop Adams, until the House shall have decided whether or not it is the purpose of the Bishops to accede to the request of the nineteen memorialists, and send a Bishop to the Jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona.

The committee does not express any opinion upon the question of agreeing to the petition of the memorial, but asks the House of Bishops to act upon this first.

W. C. DOANE,

For the Committee.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, the Report of the committee was laid on the table for the present.

The Bishop of Ohio, from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report : —

That they have had before them Triennial Reports from the Missionary Bishop of Yeddo, in Japan, and from the Bishop of the Church in Haiti, and a Report from the Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas. The Missionary Bishop of Yeddo requests advice on the subject of translating the Prayer Book of our Church into Japanese, for the use of Japanese Christians. He writes: " Especial attention is called to the fact that Missionaries of the Church of England and of our own Church are working side by side here, in the same cities, but kept separate by the use of different Prayer Books. We are not here to plant a branch of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and a branch of the Church of England, but to lay the foundations of the future Church of Japan; and it seems most unwise to introduce the differences of our National Churches, which will prove a serious barrier to the future union of the Christians in one united Church. An effort has been made to get a common translation of those parts which are the same in the two Prayer Books; but it is feared that it will fail, so long as there are an English Book and an American Book to be translated. In view of the approaching Pan-Anglican Conference, it is respectfully asked, Cannot the General Convention take some steps to procure for us a common Prayer Book? Anything which may be done towards this end must be done at home."

Your committee sympathize in the view thus expressed by the Bishop of Yeddo. They feel that all such hindrances to harmony in organizing the National Church of Japan should be removed; and especially that the Churches of the Anglican Communion shall unite in an effort to lead that ancient nation (when it shall become a Christian people) to adopt primitive and Catholic usages, undisturbed by the divisions of Western Christianity. They recommend, therefore, that our Church shall indicate to the Missionary Bishop of Yeddo that it does not impose upon the National Church which is to be formed under the labors of his Mission the necessity of adopting our Book of Common Prayer, but only insists that it shall adopt the Catholic Creeds, administer the Sacraments in all things necessary to a rightful administration as taught by our Church, and in worship shall conform as far as is possible to Catholic usage, as interpreted by our Prayer Book. Your committee believes that this Church confides in his fidelity and wisdom, under the guidance of the Holy Ghost; therefore, while expressing to him warm fraternal sympathy, abstains from indicating any details of a policy as to a Japanese Liturgy, which (except in the principles which govern it) must be shaped to meet the exigencies of his distant and peculiar field. Those principles are embodied in our Book of Common Prayer, and are included in allegiance to the Faith, Discipline, and Worship of our Church.

The Report of the Bishop of Haiti is a duplicate of a Report already in possession of the Commission of Bishops who are his advisers; your committee, therefore, think that they may properly ask to be excused from its further consideration.

The Report of the Bishop of Cape Palmas asks advice on a subject which your committee think should be considered in Council.

They therefore propose for adoption the following

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the committee have leave to refer a portion of the Report of the Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas to the Bishops in Council.

2. That the committee be relieved from further consideration of the duplicate of the Report of the Bishop of Haiti.

3. That this House advises the Bishop of Yeddo to translate, at present, for the use of Japanese Christians, only so much of the Book of Common Prayer of this Church as may be immediately necessary for his Mission; and that the suggestion contained in his Report be respectfully referred to the Bishops in Conference, who may assemble at Lambeth in 1878, in the hope that the relations of Missionaries laboring in Japan from the Church of England and our own Church may then be so adjusted that only one Liturgy may be used by them in ministering to native congregations.

4. That this House is of opinion that, when the National Church of Japan shall be organized, it should be provided with a Liturgy framed upon the precedent of primitive and purely Catholic Liturgies, whilst adapting itself to the peculiarities of the national character.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. T. BEDELL, *Chairman.*
H. N. PIERCE.
M. H. DEWOLFE HOWE.
WILLIAM H. HARE.
WILLIAM PINKNEY.

The question being on the first resolution as reported by the committee, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, it was, on motion of the Bishop of Ohio, made the Order of the Day for Friday, Oct. 12, at 2 P. M.

On motion, that portion of the Report relating to this subject was ordered to be printed.

The following Messages were received from the House of Deputies:—

MESSAGE No. 9. BOSTON, MASS., 7th day of the Session,
October 10, 1877.
The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Right Rev. Bishops be respectfully requested to express their opinions as to the impropriety of various instrumentalities adopted for the raising of funds for the support of the Church.

Attest: CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary.*

MESSAGE No. 10. BOSTON, MASS., 7th day of the Session,
October 10, 1877.
The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 11 of that House, giving permission to the Standing Committee on Christian Education of the two Houses to sit as a Joint Committee.

Attest: CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary.*

MESSAGE No. 11. BOSTON, MASS., 8th day of the Session,
October 11, 1877.
The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House ratifies by a majority of all the Dioceses the proposed amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution in the following words:—

“The General Convention may, upon the application of the Bishop and Convention of an organized Diocese, setting forth that the territory of the Diocese is too large for due Episcopal supervision by the Bishop of such Diocese, set off a portion of such diocesan territory, which shall thereupon be placed within, or constitute, a Missionary Jurisdiction, as the House of Bishops may determine.”

Attest: CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary.*

On motion, Message No. 11, in relation to amending Article 5, was referred to the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, it was

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That permission be given to the Standing Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions, of this House, to meet with the corresponding Committee of the House of Deputies in Joint Committee.

The Order of the Day was called, being the taking the vote on the resolutions of the Standing Committee on New Dioceses in relation to the formation of two new Dioceses within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois.

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the second resolution, it was adopted.

The Order of the Day was called, being the Report of the Special Committee on the Organization of Provincial Synods.

Pending the discussion of the Order of the Day, on motion of the Bishop of Montana, it was

Resolved, That when this House adjourns it adjourn to meet to-morrow morning.

The House adjourned, and met the House of Deputies.

NINTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Friday, October 12, 1877.

The House met and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called; present as yesterday, with the exception of the Bishop of Minnesota.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Northern Texas read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Presiding Bishop presented invitations from the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the General Theological Library, which, on motion, were accepted.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of this House on the subject of Church Work among the Laboring Classes, referred to in Message No. 7 of the House of Deputies, be empowered to sit with a corresponding committee of that House as a Joint Committee.

On motion of the Bishop of Missouri, it was

Resolved, That Message No. 9 of the House of Deputies, referring to improper means for supporting the Church, be referred to the Committee on the Pastoral Letter.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Memorials and Petitions, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, asking that the resolution of the General Convention forbidding the binding of the Hymnal with the Book of Common Prayer be reconsidered and rescinded, beg leave to report as follows : —

In the General Convention of 1874 the following was adopted as part of the recommendation of a Committee of Conference of the two Houses : —

“In the judgment of this General Convention, the Hymnal should not be further revised until it shall have been subjected to the test of actual use for the period of six years.”

This was taken by publishers as an assurance that no changes would be made in the Hymnal or in the prohibition of binding it up with the Prayer Book for six years from the Convention of 1874, and they prepared full stocks of the several styles of the revised edition. We are informed that it will entail a heavy loss if the permission asked for in the Memorial be given without ample previous notice.

We should deeply regret any action that might appear unjust or should prove injurious to publishers whose course has been throughout fair and honorable in their relation to the institutions of the Church. If the subject is postponed until the next Triennial Convention, the publishers, knowing that there is a prospect of the privilege requested being then granted, will regulate their issues accordingly.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That in view of the action of the General Convention of 1874, and to prevent any injurious results to publishers of the Hymnal, the consideration of the request of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society be postponed until the next Triennial Convention.

ALFRED LEE.
ROBERT H. CLARKSON.
F. D. HUNTINGTON.

On motion, the resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Memorials and Petitions, to whom was referred the Memorial from the Convention of the Diocese of Iowa, asking that “the words ‘Protestant Episcopal’ be stricken from the present title of the American branch of the Holy Catholic Church,” and that another name be adopted, beg leave to report that, in the judgment of your committee, the request of the Memorial is one which this House cannot regard with favor. The question presented is not that of the selection of a name for the first time, but of changing one adopted by our fathers when our Communion first assumed the position of a distinct national Church, autonomous and independent of foreign control. At that important era of its history it adopted, not without good and sufficient reasons, the name which the memorialists would obliterate. It is identified with her trials and her triumphs. By this name her Clergy have subscribed to her doctrines and formularies, and it has been uttered by every Bishop in the solemn promise of conformity given at his consecration. It is the legal title in and by which the Church has received her property through bequests, conveyances, and instruments of donation and endowment, and holds the same. The change asked would entail multiplied contests

and litigations, and probably losses and forfeitures. Still more serious evils would arise from the shock given to the peace of our Communion, and the alarm and distrust that would be inevitably awakened. A name endeared by the religious associations and struggles of a century cannot be discarded without profound agitation and irritating controversy, peradventure still graver consequences. Surely what the Church needs is the strengthening of fraternal regard and mutual confidence, not the introduction of fresh elements of discord and alienation.

Your committee submit to the House the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in the judgment of this House it is not expedient to change the name of the Church.

ALFRED LEE.
ROBERT H. CLARKSON.
F. D. HUNTINGTON.

The Bishop of Western New York moved as an amendment to the resolution reported by the committee, the addition of the words “at the present time.”

With the permission of the House, the Bishop of Western New York withdrew his proposed amendment.

The Bishop of Maryland moved to lay the resolution of the committee on the table, which was lost.

The Bishop of Western New York thereupon having renewed his proposed amendment, it was lost.

The question being on the resolution as reported by the committee, it was adopted.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows' Fund, presented their Report, which was read by the Secretary, and ordered to be communicated to the House of Deputies.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the Report of the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, on motion of the Bishop of North Carolina, it was made an Order of the Day for Monday, October 15, at 2 P. M.

The Missionary Bishop of Niobrara presented his Triennial Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Missionary Bishop of Oregon and Washington presented his Triennial Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The following Messages were received from the House of Deputies, viz.:—

MESSAGE NO. 12.

BOSTON, MASS., 8th day of the Session,
October 11, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs with Message No. 15 of the House of Bishops, giving consent to the Standing Committees of the two Houses, on Foreign and Domestic Missions, to sit as a Joint Committee.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 8th day of the Session,
October 11, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 13.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in Message No. 14, relating to the formation of two new Dioceses within the limits of the present Diocese of Illinois.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Bishop of Missouri, from the Standing Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Unfinished Business makes report that the following matters in the last Journal of the House of Bishops remained unfinished:—

Pp. 261, 283. The Report of the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution in relation to a Court of Appeals, was laid on the table for the present.

P. 263. The Committee on the Organization of a Provincial System was continued.

P. 306. Joint Committee on Friendly Relations with the Provincial Synod of Canada was continued, and directed to prosecute its work during the next three years.

P. 311. A Joint Committee on the matter of Relief to the Presiding Bishop was appointed.

P. 322. A Committee was appointed on the subject of Marriages with Relatives.

P. 327. Joint Committee on the Spanish Prayer Book was continued.

P. 314. A Joint Committee on the Godly Discipline of Communicants was appointed.

P. 339. The Joint Committee on Christian Education was continued to deliberate and mature a Report to be presented to this Convention.

P. 341. A Special Joint Committee was appointed to inquire and report to this Convention as to the force of any joint resolution passed by the two Houses.

P. 341. The Commission to revise the Scheme of Theological Study was continued.

P. 341. A Joint Committee on a proposed Canon "*Of Deaconesses and Sisters*," p. 322, was appointed.

P. 344. The Joint Committee on the French Prayer Book was continued.

P. 345. A Commission on the Better Governing of the General Theological Seminary was appointed, to report to this Convention.

P. 347. A Commission to keep up fraternal correspondence with the Bishop and Synod of the German Old Catholics was appointed.

P. 347. An amendment to the fifth Article of the Constitution had its initial adoption in this House.

P. 356. The Joint Committee on the German Prayer Book was continued.

P. 359. An amendment to the eighth Article of the Constitution had its preliminary adoption in this House.

P. 362. A Committee of five Bishops on Suffragan Bishops was appointed.

P. 363. An amendment to the eighth Article of the Constitution had its preliminary adoption in this House.

P. 365. The Joint Committee on the Lectionary was continued.

P. 369. The Joint Committee on the Italian Prayer Book was appointed.

C. F. ROBERTSON.

WM. W. NILES.

R. W. B. ELLIOTT.

On motion of the Bishop of Missouri, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, in relation to a Court of Appeals, laid on the table at the last Convention, be now recommitted to that committee.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, it was

Resolved, That the members of the Standing Committee on Christian Education of this House, in 1874, be added to the Standing Committee as appointed at this session.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, the Commission to revise the scheme of Theological Study was allowed to report progress, and was continued.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was recommitted their proposed amendment to Title I, Canon 15, Section xi [1], and also the resolution of the Bishop of Maryland, proposing the transfer of such parts of the Canon as refer to measures of conciliation to an appropriate place under Title II, respectfully report in favor of such transfer, and recommend the passage of the following resolutions : —

Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, that the following be made a Canon, to be entitled

Of a Bishop declining to visit a Parish or Congregation.

If a Bishop shall decline for more than three years to visit any Church or Congregation in his Diocese, for reasons which he may deem sufficient [he may lay the matter before the Standing Committee of the Diocese as his council of advice, who shall be authorized to hear the other party in the premises, and to recommend what they shall deem to be a proper adjustment of the matters pending between them. If the Bishop shall neglect so to apply to the Standing Committee, or if the adjustment recommended by the Standing Committee be refused by either party], it shall be competent for such Bishop, and also for the Rector or Minister of such Church or Congregation, acting with the Vestry thereof, to apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint the five Bishops in charge of Dioceses or Missionary Districts nearest to the Diocese in which such Church or Congregation is situated, who shall meet within a period of not less than two months from the time of summons, at such place as may be fixed upon by the Presiding Bishop, and amicably determine the matters at difference between the parties; and each party shall conform to the decision of a majority of the members of such council, provided four at least shall be present at the time when a decision is made. But the decision of such Council of Conciliation shall not be taken as being an authoritative or judicial interpretation of the points submitted to it, if they involve any question of Canons or Rubrics.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the foregoing be numbered Canon 8 of Title II, and that Canons 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of said Title be numbered respectively Canons 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [1] of Section xi of Canon 15 of Title I be amended by the omission of all that portion of said clause which follows the words "to the people committed to his charge," so that the Canon shall read as follows : —

Every Bishop of this Church shall visit the churches within his Diocese at least once in three years, for the purpose of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behavior of his Clergy, administering the Apostolic rite of Confirmation, ministering the Word, and, if he think fit, administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the people committed to his charge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, the Report was laid on the table for the present.

The House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess.

The Bishop of North Carolina offered the following preamble and resolution, viz. :—

WHEREAS, The field which this Church is seeking to occupy is exceedingly wide and its supply of Ministers very insufficient, and whereas our Lord hath charged his disciples to “pray the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth laborers into His Harvest,” therefore be it

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following suffrage be proposed to be inserted in the Litany immediately after the supplication for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons : “That it may please Thee to send forth laborers into Thy Harvest; we beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.”

On motion, this resolution was referred to the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book.

On motion of the Bishop of Texas, the resolution offered by him on the fifth day, in relation to the period of candidateship, was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, the Order of the Day, being the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, was postponed to Tuesday at 2 P. M.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That until further order the hour of adjournment be 4.30 P. M.

The Bishop of Maryland, from the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution having taken into consideration the Message No. 11 of the House of Deputies, as referred to, it respectfully recommends concurrence in the action of the House of Deputies, and to that end submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the amendment to Article Fifth of the Constitution, passed in the General Convention of 1874, and after submission to the Dioceses in their several Conventions, approved by a majority of Dioceses in the House of Deputies in this Convention, is hereby approved by the concurrent vote of this House.

In behalf of the Committee,

W. R. WHITTINGHAM, *Bishop of Maryland.*

On motion of the Bishop of North Carolina, the consideration of this report was postponed, and made the Order of the Day for Saturday at 11 A. M., or until the House has acted in relation to the proposed new Diocese in Virginia.

The Bishop of Indiana, from the Standing Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, having considered the papers laid before them in the case of the new Diocese proposed to be erected within the limits of the Diocese of Virginia, respectfully report that they find

that all the requirements of the Constitution have been observed, including that of a reasonable assurance of support of the Episcopate in said proposed new Diocese, and offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Deputies in the action made known to it in Message No. 6 of the House of Deputies, and hereby consents to and ratifies the formation of a new Diocese within the limits of the Diocese of Virginia, to be comprised within the limits of the State of West Virginia.

HORATIO POTTER.
JOS. C. TALBOT.
T. B. LYMAN.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Bishop of Alabama, from the Joint Committee on the Canon "Of Deaconesses or Sisters," presented a Report. (For the Report, see ninth day's proceedings of House of Deputies.)

On motion of the Bishop of Alabama, the Report was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Order of the Day being called, being the Report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, the Bishop of Alabama offered the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops non-concur in Message No. 11 from the House of Deputies, for the reason that they deem further legislation in the premises unnecessary,

which was adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the House adjourned.

TENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,
Saturday, October 13, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called as yesterday, with the addition of the Bishop of Minnesota, and the exception of the Bishops of New York, Tennessee, Central New York, and New Hampshire.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Wisconsin read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Presiding Bishop presented a communication relative to certain matters in Cuba, which, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Bishop of Maryland presented memorials from persons in St. James' Church, Baltimore, in St. Mary's Church, Washington, in the Church of the Good Samaritan, St. Louis, in Mount Calvary Chapel, Baltimore, in St. Stephen's Parish, Savannah, and from G. A. C. Cooper and Isaac Edgar Black, in relation to religious teaching among colored people ; which, on his motion, were referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Bishop of Maryland, from the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, having considered the motion for amendment of the ninth Article by addition of a clause providing for the contingency of the creation of a Commission for the revision of the Constitution and Canons, respectfully report that such addition seems to the committee at present unadvisable, and asks to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. R. WHITTINGHAM, *Chairman.*

On motion, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Texas, relating to the period of candidateship of candidates not having had Episcopal ordination, but acknowledged as ordained Ministers or Licentiates by any denomination of Christians, and of applicants for admission to the Ministry of this Church having had Episcopal ordination, respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and deem no action necessary or expedient in the premises. They therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

On motion, the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the Report of the Joint Committee on the Canon "Of Deaconesses," respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following Canon be enacted, to be entitled

Of Deaconesses or Sisters.

§ i. Women of devout character and proved fitness may be set apart by any Bishop of this Church for the work of a Deaconess or Sister according to such form as shall be authorized by the House of Bishops.

§ ii. The duties proper to a Deaconess or Sister are declared to be the care of our Lord's poor and sick, the education of the young, the religious instruction of the neglected, and the work of moral reformation.

§ iii. No woman shall be set apart to the work of a Deaconess or Sister until she be twenty-five (25) years of age, unless the Bishop, for special reasons, shall determine otherwise, but in no case shall the age be less than twenty-one (21) years; it being further provided that no woman shall be so set apart until she shall have laid before the Bishop testimonials certifying (a) that she is a communicant of this Church in good standing, (b) that she possesses such characteristics as, in the judgment of the persons testifying, fit her for at least one of the branches of duty above declared. Such testimonials shall be signed by one Presbyter of this Church and by five Lay communicants of the same, of whom two shall be men and three women.

The Bishop shall also satisfy himself that the applicant has had an adequate preparation for her work, both technical and religious, which preparation shall have covered the period of at least one year.

§ iv. No Deaconess or Sister, by whomsoever set apart, admitted, or received, shall work officially in a Diocese without the express authority in writing of the Bishop of that Diocese, nor shall she exercise her office among the people of any parish except with the permission and under the oversight of the Minister thereof.

§ v. A Deaconess or Sister shall not take any vow of perpetual obligation as regards her office, and may at any time resign the same to the ecclesiastical authority from which she received it; but having once resigned her office she shall not be reappointed, unless, in the judgment of the Bishop, such resignation was for weighty cause.

§ vi. A Deaconess or Sister may be transferred from one Diocese to another upon the request of the Bishop of the Diocese to which she is transferred.

§ vii. The Constitution and Rules for the home government of any institution for the training of Deaconesses or Sisters, or of any community in which said Deaconesses or Sisters are associated, shall have the sanction in writing of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such institution or community exists.

All books of devotion, and all formularies of worship used in such institution or community, shall have the like sanction, and shall be in harmony with the usages of this Church and the principles of the Book of Common Prayer.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this Canon be numbered Canon 15 of Title I, and that the remaining Canons of said Title be numbered in accordance therewith.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following as an amendment, .
viz. : —

That the following words be added to Section vi of the proposed Canon, viz. :
"And shall not be received in any Diocese other than that in which she was originally admitted, without such transfer,"

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany moved as an amendment the following,
viz. : —

That for the words "authorized by the House of Bishops," the following be substituted, viz., "authorized by him," in Section i,

which was not adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the Canon, the first Section, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The second Section, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The third Section, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The fourth Section, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The fifth Section being under consideration, it was, on motion of the Bishop of Easton, laid on the table for the present.

The sixth Section, as previously amended, was adopted.

The seventh Section being under consideration, it was, on motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, amended by the addition of the words "and of instruction," after the words "all books of devotion."

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, Section vii was laid on the table for the present, and on his motion, Sections v and vii were recommitted.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz.:—

BOSTON, MASS., 9th day of the Session,
October 12, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 14.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That for the purpose of providing a wider range of readings from Holy Scripture on occasions of Morning and Evening Prayer, the Committee on the Lectionary for Lent be instructed to consider and report also on the propriety of setting forth a threefold and shorter selection of Calendar Lessons to be used during three consecutive years.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, it was

Resolved, That this House does not concur in the action of the House of Deputies, communicated in Message No. 14, touching a reference to the Committee on the Lectionary of certain changes in the Calendar of Lessons, for the reason that such action is premature in the present condition of the general question of amending the Lectionary in the two Houses.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Godly Discipline of Communicant Members of the Churches, leave was given to that committee to print their Report.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That the House will go into Council on Tuesday, October 16, at 11 A. M.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, it was ordered that the House adjourn at 1.30 P. M., to-day.

The Bishop of Albany called from the table the Report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, in relation to the resignation of the Missionary Bishop of New Mexico.

The Bishop of Kansas offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona needs immediate Episcopal supervision.

On motion, the hour of adjournment was postponed until 2 o'clock.

Pending the discussion of the resolution of the Bishop of Kansas, on motion, the House adjourned.

ELEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Monday, October 15, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called ; present as on Saturday, with the exception of the Bishops of Alabama and Georgia.

The House being bidden to Prayer, the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

Leave of absence from the sessions of the House was granted to the Bishop of Georgia.

The Presiding Bishop presented a communication from the Board of Missions in relation to the treatment of the Indians, which, on motion of the Bishop of Easton, was laid on the table for the present.

On motion of the Bishop of Delaware, it was

Resolved, That the action of this House on the Memorial of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society in relation to the Hymnal be communicated to the House of Deputies.

The Bishop of Maryland presented a Memorial from St. John's Church, Lawrence, in relation to the religious teaching of colored people, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Bishop of Albany moved

That the Rules of Order be amended by adding, in the fourth Rule of the Daily Order, after "(b) Petitions and Memorials," the words "and other matter to be referred without debate to the standing or other committees,"

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Maryland presented the following preamble and resolutions, viz. : —

WHEREAS, The Convocation of the Province of Canterbury in England, during several years last past, hath been employing divers of its members and others of sufficient learning in the labor of a thorough revision of the Authorized Version of the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, with a view to the establishment of a corrected text of the same for use in public worship and otherwise; which revision, after great diligence and study therein bestowed, is now commonly reported to be drawing toward an end, in the publication of an edition of the Bible so revised; and

WHEREAS, It is greatly to be desired, both that whatever advantage may thus accrue to the Church of England, should the revised text be found available for use, may also be secured by the Church in the United States of America; and also that the Churches in Great Britain and its Colonies and Dependencies, and in the United States, should not for any needless length of time be at disagreement concerning the recognition of a standard English text of the Holy Scriptures: —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That it is expedient that a Joint Committee be appointed by this Convention, to take cognizance of any publication that may be made under proper authorization of the Revised Text of the Authorized Version of the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as made and approved by the persons to that effect appointed by the Lower House of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury of the Church in England; that such committee consist of _____ members, whose duty it shall be within six months after the publication of such revised text, to report whether the same ought to be accepted and adopted by this Church, for use in public worship and otherwise; such report to be made to the Presiding Bishop, and by him communicated with all convenient despatch to every Bishop of this Church; and, unless a majority of the Bishops within three months make objection to such action, to be then sent in duplicate to the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to the Reverend the Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury.

The Bishop of Maryland moved that the foregoing preamble and resolutions be referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Connecticut moved to amend by substituting “a Special Committee” for “the Standing Committee on Canons,” which was adopted.

The question being on the motion to refer, it was lost.

The Bishop of Massachusetts offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That Section i of Canon 10 of Title 1 be amended by the substitution in the eleventh line of the words “license issued,” for the words “certificate signed”; and in the beginning of the fourteenth line by the insertion of the word “certifying” before the word “that”; and by the substitution of the word “having” in the seventeenth line for the words “he has”; and by the addition in the twentieth line, after the words “theological acquirements,” of the words “he is permitted to officiate in the Diocese aforesaid”; and by the substitution in the line immediately following of the word “but” instead of “and,”

which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Long Island offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That Title II, Canon 2, Section i, Clause [3], be amended by adding to the said clause the words "or knowingly aiding and abetting in public ministrations in the Church those canonically inhibited from such ministrations,"

which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Albany presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That Canon 8, Title II, be referred to the Committee on Canons, to consider whether the words, "without availing himself of the provisions of Section xvi of Canon 13 of Title I," ought not to be stricken out,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons, to consider and report to this House whether in view of the repeal of [12] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III, "*Of Congregations and Parishes*," it is not advisable to repeal the preceding Clause [11] of the said Section so as to place the parishes in foreign lands more nearly on a footing of equality with parishes at home,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the following proposed amendment of Canon 8 of Title III be referred to the Committee on Canons, viz. :—

Whenever there are two or more Dioceses within the limits of any one State or Commonwealth, the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity within that State are hereby constituted and declared to be a Province; and the Synod thereof, including the three Orders, with the right to vote by Orders, shall have all legislative power within the Province, subordinate and not now belonging to the General Convention; together with any other powers not belonging to the General Convention concerning the common interests of the Church within the Province which they may choose to exercise,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Wisconsin presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire and report as to the expediency of amending [4] of Section xvi of Canon 15, Title I, either by striking out the words "shall under any circumstances, be eligible to any Diocese now in union or which may be hereafter admitted into union, with the Church"; or, if not, by making its terms more explicit,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Western Michigan presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire into the expediency of amending Canon 10, Title II, by adding to the last clause these words or their equivalent: "and when the Clergyman is degraded for causes not affecting his moral character, the notice shall state the same,"

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report whether the perpetual suspension possible under Canon 7 of Title II, "of a Clergyman absenting himself from his Diocese," cannot be prevented by some more definite legislation,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany offered the following proposed addition to the first rubric in the order for Daily Morning Prayer and the order for Daily Evening Prayer :—

"Except that, in churches where Morning or Evening Prayer is said daily in Lent or throughout the year; or in Mission Stations, where in the judgment of the Ordinary the whole order cannot be used to edification; the Minister may, on any days except the Lord's Day and the Festivals of our Lord and Good Friday, begin the Morning Prayer, or the Evening Prayer, at the Lord's Prayer, and end it after the Collect for Grace (the Collect for and against Perils), with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and 2 Cor. xiii, 14,"

which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book.

The Bishop of Easton presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire into the expediency of adding after the first Section of Canon 22, Title I, the following new Section :—

"In collegiate or private chapels where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is statedly celebrated, the Minister officiating shall conform the Services to the direction of the Bishop,"

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany, from the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Domestic Missions, to whom was referred the petition of the Diocese of Iowa asking the General Convention to set off a portion of that Diocese as a Missionary Jurisdiction, respectfully report, that while they do not doubt that the granting of this prayer would afford both desirable relief to the present Bishop of Iowa, and a closer Episcopal supervision to the remoter parts of the present Diocese, they cannot regard the want, under whatever aspect it may be viewed, as of sufficient urgency to justify the action requested on the part of this Convention. Your committee feel strongly that such action should be taken only under very peculiar and exceptional circumstances. Mere extent of territory, or laboriousness of the Bishop's travels, etc., would not be, in the judgment of the committee, sufficient cause. In the case of Iowa, the time must soon come when there can be another Diocese under the provisions of the Constitution, the sooner because as appears in the petition itself, a partial endowment could even now be provided for the support of the new Bishop. The committee respectfully report the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the petition of the Dioceses of Iowa be not acceded to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE.

On motion, the resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany, from the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Domestic Missions, to whom were referred the Reports of the Missionary Bishops, having examined those Reports, would say, in general, that being but brief, and chiefly statistical, and evidently considered by the several Bishops offering them as simply supplemental to their fuller Annual Reports to the Board of Missions, they do not afford matter for extended comment.

They do, however, present satisfactory evidence both of the faithfulness of all the laborers in the Domestic Missionary field, whether Bishops, or other Clergy, and of a good degree of success attending their labors, notwithstanding the existence of special obstacles and special difficulties in some of the jurisdictions during the past three years. Nearly all of the Reports lay particular stress upon the importance of institutions and agencies for the education of the young, under the auspices of the Church. The schools already established are found to be of exceeding value, and the Bishops who still lack such schools plead earnestly for aid to found and support them. The want of more and more efficient Missionaries is still sorely felt in two or three jurisdictions.

The Report of the Missionary Bishop of Niobrara, even in the condensed form in which it comes before your committee, has a peculiar interest both from the nature and the cheering results of his work.

Your committee conclude this brief Report with the expression of their confidence that the fuller information already given year by year to the Church, with respect to the labors and needs and encouragements and difficulties of our zealous and untiring Missionary Bishops, renders a more detailed account in this place quite unnecessary.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY A. NEELY.

The Bishop of Western New York, on behalf of the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the Standing Committee of this House on the Prayer Book have leave to sit with the Committee of the House of Deputies on the Prayer Book, as a Joint Committee,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred back for consideration the proposed Canon, *Of Deaconesses*, beg leave to report that they have had the various proposed amendments thereto under consideration, and recommend as follows :—

Resolved, That Section v be amended to read as follows :—

No Deaconess or Sister shall take any vow of perpetual obligation in admission to or connection with her office. The ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese may at any time suspend her from her office, and she may at any time resign the same to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to which she belongs. *Provided*, That if she does so resign, she shall not be readmitted unless, in the judgment of the Bishop, such resignation was for weighty cause.

Resolved, That Section vi, as amended by the adoption of the addition proposed by the Bishop of Maryland, be further amended by substituting, in that addition, for the word "received" the words "permitted to work officially."

The committee further report that having had under consideration the amendment of Section vii proposed by the Bishop of Ohio, they are of the opinion that the objects intended to be secured by it are sufficiently provided for in other

parts of the Canon. They therefore do not recommend any further change in said Section.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, Section v as now reported was adopted.

On motion, Section vi as now reported was adopted.

On motion, Section vii as now reported was adopted.

The question being on the Canon as a whole, it was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That a Committee of three members of this House be appointed to consider and suggest by joint action of the House of Deputies,

1st. A change of the time of the meeting of the General Convention to November instead of October.

2d. A less costly system of hospitality than the generous scale of entertainment provided by the Churchmen of other cities in which the Convention has met, which, on his motion, was referred to the Joint Committee on Expenses.

The Bishop of Albany offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following named persons, to wit, the Bishops of New York and Long Island, the Secretaries of this House, the President and Secretary of the House of Deputies, the Secretaries of the Domestic and Foreign Committees, the Secretary of the Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning in the State of New York, and the Rector and Comptroller of Trinity Church, New York, be requested and authorized to provide a suitable building or Synod Hall in the city of New York, for the sessions of the two Houses of General Convention, primarily ; and secondarily, for the safe keeping of the archives of the Church, and for offices and meeting-rooms for the Board of Missions and other organized bodies of the Church ; and if the persons subscribing so decide, for any ecclesiastical uses of the Diocese in which the building shall be erected,

which, on his motion, was referred to the Joint Committee on Expenses.

The Bishop of Iowa offered the following resolution : —

Resolved, That it be referred to the Standing Committee on Canons, with instructions to ask permission to sit in connection with the Committee on Canons of the House of Deputies, and, if deemed advisable, to seek the further aid of gentlemen learned in the law, to consider what legal rights, if any, inhere to the Bishop upon the consecration of a Church ; whether it pertains to his office to be in any sense the custodian of the consecrated property, and whether it is his duty to proceed by law, if necessary, to hold the said property inviolate in the event of its being diverted, or being in danger of diversion, to worldly and unhallowed uses,

which was adopted.

The hour of recess having arrived, the House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Michigan in the Chair.

The Bishop of Easton, from the Joint Committee on Godly Discipline, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Joint Committee appointed at the last General Convention "to consider and report what action, if any, is desirable, in addition to or in explanation of the provisions already enacted by this Church for the godly discipline of its communicant members," asks leave respectfully to report.

It is matter of common observation that while we have elaborate legislation for the discipline of Bishops, and also legislation less elaborate, yet adequate thus far to the purpose, for the discipline of Priests and Deacons, the Church law has little to say about the discipline of the Laity.

In entering upon this subject it is necessary, by reason of the prevalent indifference or hostility to the discipline of those who openly and flagrantly violate their Baptismal vows, to urge, first of all, that the Church has the Divine warrant for claiming this power, and that it is her inevitable duty to exercise it.

The history of the Church, through all the centuries, and the Canons enacted by Councils and Synods, all attest the deep conviction of the Church in this matter.

Our own standards are clear in their teachings. And that at the time of the Reformation no doubt was entertained, by the various religious bodies which then arose, of the duty of maintaining discipline and of the authority for exercising it given to the Church by its Lord, may be illustrated by reference to the thirtieth chapter of the Westminster Confession, with the proof texts appended :—

"The Lord Jesus, as King and Head of his Church, hath therein appointed a government in the hand of Church officers, *distinct from the civil magistrate*. To these officers the keys of the kingdom are committed, by virtue whereof they have power respectively to retain and remit sins, to shut that kingdom against the impenitent both by the word and *censures*; and to open it unto penitent sinners, by the ministry of the Gospel, and by *absolution from censures*, as occasion shall require."

These ministers must take heed to the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to *feed* the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood. Every scholar knows that in this word *feed*, restraint and correction are bound up as certainly as vigilance and pasturing.

The Church life depicted in the Acts and in the Epistles is plainly a life of discipline. Some persons were "over" other persons in the Lord. Those were set to rule, and these to obey. There was a place for rebuke, for "punishment inflicted of many," for exclusion from Christian fellowship, and yet again for "forgiveness" and "restoration."

Plainly this government was not absolute or capricious; obedience had need to be rendered in those particulars only wherein the minister of Christ was authorized by the terms of his commission to require obedience. The attempt to enforce individual opinions as law was again and again resisted, even in the persons of St. Peter or St. Barnabas.

And plainly again, this discipline was not minute or inquisitorial. There is a wide domain in which each conscience must bear its own burden, and in which gentle persuasion and paternal counsel, rightly used, are far more efficacious than the intervention of law. The discipline of the New Testament was reserved for grievous and scandalous faults.

But within these reasonable limits how can the Church, with safety to herself and to her children, permit her discipline to fall into abeyance? How can she escape the rebuke administered to the angel of the Church in Thyatira, "Thou sufferest that woman Jezebel"?

Discipline is a debt we owe to our children in the faith. If the offender prove incorrigible, the just sentence pronounced upon him discharges the Church from the guilt of complicity in his crime. But we have no right to assume that offenders are incorrigible; and thus to the sinner himself discipline is mercy. As the Holy Communion is to faithful men an assurance of God's favor and goodness, so also the solemn and authoritative exclusion of a wicked man from the Lord's

Table is a loud-mouthed testimony, warning him that without repentance he must perish. It is a sharp remedy, to which love itself resorts when other remedies have failed, in the hope that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Let it be remembered too that discipline prevents crime as well as punishes it. In a well-disciplined army, punishment is rarely resorted to. The certainty that there is a present authority strong enough and determined enough to assert itself when occasion demands, imperceptibly influences all ranks, and restrains men from the lesser breaches of discipline which, if winked at, grow up into egregious crimes.

It may then be safely concluded that the Church is bound by her zeal for God, by a just regard to her own purity, and by a tender consideration for the souls intrusted to her guidance "diligently to exercise such discipline as by the authority of God's word is committed to her," using the authority given her "not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help"; being "so merciful" that she be not "too remiss"; so ministering discipline that she "forget not mercy."

We do not think that any one can affirm that the discipline of our Church, as actually exercised, comes up to the requirements of God's word, or is such as to protect the Church from scandal, and to bear the testimony needed in the case of such as offend against God's holy law.

We think that discipline is sadly in abeyance. We believe that many persons have no just conception of the duty of obedience to the Church, in those instances wherein she is fully empowered to speak with authority. We believe that sins against the moral law and against distinct religious precepts are suffered often to pass unnoticed and uncorrected.

We deem it no part of our duty to accumulate illustrations in support of this opinion. We do not pretend to point out the extent of the disorder which prevails among the members of our communion. We speak to wise men, whose opportunities of observation are equal to our own. If thoughtful persons have failed to recognize as a fact that there is not among us that reverence for law which ought to prevail, and that in numerous instances scandals which ought to be punished are not punished, we cannot hope by any accumulation of proofs to bring them to our opinion.

The Church which neglects to exercise discipline is in danger of having her candlestick removed from its place. Other Churches, fettered by traditions or by concordats with the State, have something to plead in extenuation of a relaxed discipline; but we have no such excuse. Ours is a free Church in a free State. If we be straitened, it is in ourselves that we are straitened. No external power constrains us. We are free this day, as ever was any national Church in the purest days of our religion, to establish and enforce by spiritual discipline such laws as may best guard the purity of the Church.

Neither may it be said that the Church has surrendered, in some moment of weakness, her right to discipline her children, and cannot now recover her lost powers. In the Prayer Book every necessary power has been substantially preserved and secured. The clergyman who desires to restrain the erring members of his flock finds in the Ordinal and in the Communion Office the amplest vindication and exposition of his pastoral authority.

Seeing, then, that adequate powers of discipline are in terms confided to the overseers of the Diocese and of the Parish, considering that solemn promises are exacted from those admitted to Holy Orders, to maintain a godly discipline, we are led to inquire, What are the deficiencies of our present law of discipline? Several such deficiencies may be suggested.

1. Indefiniteness in the law. We are no advocates for a minute and precise catalogue, under penalty, of the several things contrary to a Christian profession. But some enumeration there ought to be for the guidance of the people.

What is open and notorious evil-living, for instance? Cases have already arisen in the civil courts which developed the need of some accurate definition of these general terms.

Or again: "If any are joined together otherwise than as God's law doth allow, their marriage is not lawful." How many of our people are honestly persuaded that the liberty of marriage allowed by the State is the measure, also, of

our Christian liberty! How many thousands have never so much as heard of the unlawfulness of marrying a person divorced without warrant of God's word! In this instance, and in many others, some definition of things prohibited seems to be greatly needed.

2. A second deficiency is in the lack of publication. Our disciplinary laws, when such are enacted, are put on permanent record, and are accessible to the Clergy, but so far as the multitude are concerned, they are hidden from view in the Digest. An essential part of a right discipline is due proclamation of all penal laws, so that none who incur the penalty can plead ignorance of the law.

3. A third deficiency is vagueness of direction as to the manner in which discipline should be exercised. No process of inquiry is indicated by the General Church, and no method of notifying a spiritual sentence is specified.

The power of the minister, according to the Rubric, has no limit save that ■ right of appeal is reserved. The minister is judge of law and judge of fact. He may advertise a person by word, by message, or by letter. The very vastness of this prerogative is enough to make a clergyman hesitate and consider whether there is not some mistake in intrusting so unlimited a discretion to him.

4. A fourth deficiency is the uncertainty of definition as to the effect of spiritual censures, and as to the mode in which such censures may be remitted.

We need only say, in illustration, that not a few instances are known to us where a man suspended from the communion absolves himself by removal to another parish. Instances there are where a man, the facts being well known to two clergymen, is received by the one and repelled by the other.

5. A fifth difficulty is found in the inadequacy of some of the Parochial Clergy to grapple with difficult cases.

Be it remembered that many a clergyman leads an isolated life. He has not the books to consult in a doubtful case. At rare intervals he finds himself required to weigh testimony, and determine questions of law. Moreover, under the voluntary system, he may be at the mercy of an influential family. To inflict censure is to mar the peace of the congregation and to exile himself from home and work. Where such odium is likely to follow, it would seem that it is the Bishop who should bear the brunt. And this leads us to note—

6. A sixth deficiency; viz., the helplessness of the Bishop to enforce his own decision.

The Bishop cannot act originally, but only when appeal is made. There are instances where the Bishop knows that men who are living in sin, and to whom he could not administer the Sacraments, are, in defiance of his decision, received to the Holy Communion by a Presbyter of his Diocese.

These things lead us to the conclusion that legislation is desirable, in addition to, and especially in explanation of, the provisions already enacted by this Church for the godly discipline of her communicant members.

What that legislation should be is a grave question.

Three years ago, several members of your committee sought by correspondence to secure a Conference. It soon appeared that this was impossible, as the committee is constituted. Its members are so widely scattered that they cannot meet for such exhaustive discussion as the case demands.

It seems to us that the General Convention should at this time determine whether it is disposed to make any addition to its disciplinary code, or any explanation of it.

If it be its mind so to do, then it will be necessary to reconstitute and continue the Joint Committee. For ourselves, who sign this Report, we dare not address ourselves to a matter so grave and delicate without the amplest opportunity of consultation.

The committee recommends for adoption the following joint resolutions:—

Resolved, That it is expedient so to amend the law of the Church, touching the godly discipline of its members, as to make it more explicit in its provisions, and more readily applicable to particular cases.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee, heretofore in charge of this matter, be continued and reconstituted with reference to convenience of assembling; and

that a Committee of Conference be appointed by the two Houses, to nominate the members of said Committee on the Godly Discipline of the Laity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY C. LAY.
ALFRED LEE.
J. B. KERFOOT.
J. S. SHIPMAN.
H. W. BEERS.
E. J. STEARNS.
GEO. C. McWHORTER.
GEN. J. H. SIMPSON, U. S. A.

BOSTON, October 13, 1877.

The question being on the first resolution of the committee, it was adopted.

The second resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the Bishops of Easton, Delaware, and Pittsburgh be the Committee on the part of this House to nominate such Joint Committee.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the Report of the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, it was, on motion, postponed until 3 o'clock to-day.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That the communication of the Board of Missions in relation to the Indians, laid on the table this morning, be taken up and referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, in relation to the resignation of the Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona, having been called from the table, the Bishop of Michigan offered the following resolutions, viz. : —

Resolved, That the resignation of the Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That in taking this action the House of Bishops expresses its sincere sympathy for this brother beloved, who having, at the bidding of the Church, undertaken a work involving the utmost labor and self-sacrifice, now resigns it, not from unwillingness to endure the hardness, but under the compulsion of physical infirmity,

which were adopted.

The Bishop of Long Island moved that the whole subject of the Jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona be referred to the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, which was not adopted.

The Bishop of Kansas offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That this House proceed to nominate to the House of Deputies a suitable person to be the Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona, and that this nomination be the Order of the Day for Wednesday next, at 11 A. M.,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of North Carolina, from the Joint Committee on securing increased Efficiency in the Government of the General Theological Seminary, presented a Report.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That this Report be recommitted.

On motion, the Order of the Day was suspended.

The Bishop of Easton, from the Joint Committee on Church Work among the Laboring Classes, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Special Joint Committee of both Houses, on the resolutions of Mr. Welsh on Church work, would respectfully report :—

That they are deeply impressed with the gravity of the subject which has been laid before them, and have endeavored to give to it the consideration which its importance demands. The relation of the Church to society is one of the most vital questions with which the Church in every age has to deal, and her power as an organization is to be shown, not by the maintenance of a rigid inflexibility, but by her ability to adapt herself to the changing conditions of human society and to meet its ever-varying wants. It is hardly necessary to say that in our own country, and in view of the social condition of the great body of the people under our free institutions, the work given to the Church in America, in guiding and directing the social movements of the age, is a work of permanent importance, demanding all the energy which the Church can put forth, and calling for every agency which can be legitimately applied to its successful prosecution. It is a narrow and imperfect view of the Constitution and Ministry of the Church which regards the Priesthood as the only agency which is to be employed in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in the world.

To the Priesthood, indeed, is intrusted exclusively the administration of the Sacraments, and to wait continually upon the altar and perform the work of service there. But from the beginning, both under the old and the new dispensation, other agencies have been used for the extension of the Kingdom of God, both at home and abroad.

The Prophets, under the old dispensation, did not belong only or exclusively to the Priestly order; so far from this, they were often in avowed opposition to the Priests, and were, for the most part, persons who, without a special ordination, were called to the great work of moral reform in their day and generation. The same is true of the Christian dispensation. In the days of the Apostles mention is made of evangelists and teachers, as classes differing from the three orders of the Ministry. In like manner, the great preaching orders of the Middle Ages, who more than any other agency, perhaps, paved the way for the Reformation, were laymen, who went forth and preached the Gospel to the poor, and gave themselves up to the work of moral reform, both within and without the Church. Nor can your committee overlook the fact that it was the aim of Wesley, in his great effort to evangelize the Church and people of England, to raise up an order of men, who, without being bound by irrevocable vows, might go forth, as God gave them opportunity, to preach the Gospel to every creature. Wesley called attention to the fact that the priestly and prophetic functions are not necessarily identical, and that while it is given to the Priesthood to serve at the altar, the work of evangelizing may be committed to other hands, and may be discharged by persons who are not of necessity entirely separated from secular callings.

Impressed with these facts, your committee would recommend an earnest and well-directed effort to secure a more widely extended use of lay service in the great work of making known the Gospel of Christ, and in taking part in all those varied ministrations of charity and social effort by which, not the souls only, but the bodies of men, are to be diligently cared for, and their moral and intellectual wants, as far as possible, supplied.

In almost every parish there are devoted and well-trained men and women, who, under the direction of the Rector, might be used in the work of evangelizing and teaching.

It is the opinion of your committee that the existing system of lay-reading does not meet this want, especially among the colored population of the South, and the agriculturists throughout the country, and is not adequate to the end to be attained. It is defective in that which can alone give such efforts a hold upon the people, viz., earnest teaching and exhortation face to face upon the things which belong to their eternal interests, the salvation of souls.

Your committee would also recommend a freer use of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods, provided they hold fast to the faith once delivered unto the Saints and pay due respect to the constituted authority of the Church.

Your committee are also impressed with the fact that the Sunday School has not fulfilled the promise it gave, nor does it meet the social wants of the young men and women who ought to be trained up and retained in the ways of the Church. Is it not possible, in a great measure, to supply this latter defect, if, in every city and village, congregations would unite together in building guild rooms or halls, where Church men and women may be brought together and have their intellectual and social wants supplied by means of lectures, libraries, and similar agencies?

The resolutions upon which we are reporting refer to facts and principles of vast importance, which underlie all these special modes of administration. These resolutions specially mention "dangerous organizations, arraying themselves against the very capital that affords them profitable employment," and speak of the duty of "those who hold in trust from God superior intelligence, literary leisure, or social position." Your committee believe that recent events in the history of our country impose upon this Convention the duty of setting forth, with the solemnity and emphasis of the united voice of those who represent, in part, the whole people of this country, certain fundamental truths that are at the foundation of the social order in America.

The people need to be reminded that property and culture, and social and official position, have no rights that do not impose equivalent obligations. The first and highest of the obligations connected with these great gifts is the duty of teaching the people, by precept and example, those cardinal principles of religion and morality which are the basis of social order. Not only our own recent history, but all history, teaches that unless these principles are embedded in the heart and exemplified in the conduct of the people, mere physical force will be powerless to protect and preserve the most cherished interests of society.

To be effective, then, the lay agencies to which we have referred in the former part of this Report must be composed in large part of those who hold in trust the mighty forces of wealth and culture and social position. Employers and all who are looked up to for superior knowledge must show to those whom they can so powerfully influence that they have the faith of Jesus Christ in their own hearts, and that they, in the spirit of their Master, earnestly desire to impart the precious gift to others. For the greatest motive-power over the human heart is love; and that love that Christ showed to men, constraining them to a like manifestation of love to their brethren, is the very power of the Gospel.

This truth is not a mere abstraction; it is intensely practical. And its practical value has been amply proved. The spread of communistic principles, and much more the spread of communistic feeling, have exhibited too clearly the fatal consequence of a failure on the part of the privileged possessors of power and influence to aid in carrying the Gospel of the SON OF MAN to all the people. On the other hand, it has been the privilege of this Convention to learn, in the course of its deliberations, that the patient and loving efforts of persons high in authority (continued for many years) to imbue with Christian principle the officers and men in their employ, were rewarded in the most intense crisis of the late social outbreak by the determination of these men to stand upon the side of law and order; and thus a great city was saved from pillage.

Without the active help of the favored holders of power and influence, and

especially when their example is thrown against religion and morality, all the agencies of the Church will be comparatively inefficient.

Your committee also call the attention of the Convention to the increasing desecration of the Lord's Day by unnecessary work, and ask how the evangelizing of all the people can be fully accomplished, and the antagonism between labor and capital be removed, when so many of them are obliged to profane that day by being employed in secular labors. Is it right that men should be debarred from keeping the Lord's Day holy in order that the capitalist may increase his gain or indulge in sensual gratification? By stopping all Sunday traffic, and by not taking the Lord's Day as a time for repairing or overhauling machinery, and by refraining from all unnecessary labor, capitalists would remove many obstacles in the way of reaching the people.

Your committee, in conclusion, would offer the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the two Houses of this General Convention do most earnestly entreat their brethren of the Clergy and Laity diligently to inculcate, and themselves to act upon the facts and suggestions of the foregoing Report, and in order to accomplish more effectually the purposes therein proposed, the parochial Clergy are requested to select and appoint from their respective cures, with the consent of their several Bishops, fit and proper persons specially adapted to act as catechists and teachers.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the parish Clergy, and to the parochial authorities associated with them, to consider earnestly whether existing Church buildings cannot be used to a greater extent than they now are for the benefit and blessing of the people, and be thrown open at hours when not occupied by the regular congregations, to all those who will come in for the worship of God and the hearing of His Word.

3. *Resolved*, That the usual number of copies of the foregoing Report and resolutions be printed for the use of the Convention.

4. *Resolved*, That the committee be allowed to sit again.

HENRY C. LAY.
F. D. HUNTINGTON.
J. B. KERFOOT.
JAMES CRAIK.
D. B. KNICKERBACKER.
A. TOOMER PORTER.
GEORGE F. SEYMOUR.
STEVENS PARKER.
WM. WELSH.
MONTGOMERY BLAIR.
ELISHA JOHNSON.
JOHN H. DEVEREUX.
L. N. WHITTLE.

On motion, the first resolution was adopted.

On motion, the second resolution was adopted.

On motion, the third resolution was adopted.

On motion, the fourth resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire and report what amendments, if any, are needed to make more explicit the canonical effects of the resignation of his jurisdiction by any Missionary Bishop, Domestic or Foreign, on his rights to a seat in this House, or to an election to the charge of a Diocese.

The Order of the Day being called, being the Report of the

Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the Memorial of the Alumni.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 10th day of the Session,

MESSAGE No. 15.

October 13, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book to consider the proposed shortened form of Morning and Evening Prayer, and the use of the Book of Common Prayer on other days, as set forth in the proposed Canon, printed on pages 44 and 45 of the Journal of the General Convention of 1874, and also the general subject of shorter services, and of services adapted to special classes of people.

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to act as a joint committee with any committee of the House of Bishops, should that House be pleased to appoint or to authorize a committee to act on this question with the committee of this House, and that the committee report to this House for action, in conformity with Article 8 of the Constitution, such conclusions as it may reach.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the House of Bishops, with the respectful request that that House appoint or authorize a committee to act with the committee of this House on the subject of the foregoing resolutions.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Secretary read a communication from the authorities of the city of Boston inviting the House of Bishops to visit the Public Institutions of the city on Friday at 1 P. M., which was, on motion, accepted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the House adjourned.

TWELFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Tuesday, October 16, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called ; present as yesterday, with the addition of the Bishop of Alabama.

The Bishop of Florida appeared and took his seat.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Northern Texas read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Presiding Bishop presented a request from the Bishop of Mississippi for leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Bishop of Minnesota offered the following preamble and resolution, viz. : —

WHEREAS, The Bishop of Mississippi has, on account of indisposition, asked leave of absence from further attendance upon this House, and is about to return to his home,

Resolved, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to the Bishop of Mississippi, and that this House assures him of its sincere sympathy in his indisposition, and of its earnest and affectionate prayer for his restoration to health and his safe return to his home; and further, that he may long be spared to the Diocese blessed for so many years with his Episcopal ministrations,

which was adopted.

The Presiding Bishop presented a memorial on the subject of Marriage and Divorce, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Bishop of Rhode Island presented a memorial asking this House to unite in an address to the people of the United States, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Report of the Registrar of the General Convention was presented and read by the Secretary, and, on motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 11th day of the Session,
October 15, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 16.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has ratified, by a constitutional majority, the following amendment by way of addition to Article 8 of the Constitution, to wit : —

“Provided, however, That the General Convention shall have power, from time to time, to amend the Lectionary; but no act for this purpose shall be valid which is not voted for by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, this Message was referred to the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, and made the Order of the Day for Wednesday, at 2 o'clock.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 11th day of the Session,
October 15, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 17.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section i of Canon 16 of Title I is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:—

Of a List of the Ministers of this Church.

§ 1. The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall keep a register of all the Clergy of this Church, whose names shall be delivered to him in the following manner, that is to say: Every Bishop of this Church, or, where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, shall, at the time of every General Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the said Secretary a list of the names of all the Ministers of this Church in their proper Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations in any colleges or other seminaries of learning; or, in regard to those who have not any cures or other stations, their places of residence only; and also, with particulars of time and place, of all Ministers belonging to the Diocese, who have been ordained to the Diaconate or the Priesthood, or have been deposed, or have died since the preceding General Convention; and the said lists shall be published in the Journals of the General Convention.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Indiana, it was

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 17 of the House of Deputies, on the ground that the publication of such a list in the Journal of General Convention is not of such importance, and cannot be published with such accuracy, as to justify the necessary expense of such publication.

The House went into Council.

The Council having risen, the House resumed its session.

The hour for recess having arrived, the House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess.

The Secretary having asked for instructions, the House ordered that the roll should be prepared in accordance with the fourth Standing Order.

The Order of the Day was postponed for half an hour.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Massachusetts touching sundry emendations of Section i of Canon 10 of Title I, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Section i of Canon 10 of Title I be amended to read as follows:—

§ i. A clergyman arriving from a foreign country, and professing to have been ordained out of the United States by a foreign Bishop in communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign country by Bishops of this Church, under Article 10 of the Constitution, or by a Missionary Bishop elected to exercise Episcopal functions in any place or places out of the United States, shall, before he is permitted to officiate in any Parish or Congregation, exhibit to the Minister, or if there be no Minister to the vestry thereof, a license issued by the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee duly convened, certifying that his letters of Holy Orders are authentic, and given by some Bishop in communion with this Church, and whose authority is acknowledged by

this Church; and also that, having exhibited to the Bishop or Standing Committee, satisfactory evidence of his pious and moral character, and of his theological acquirements, he is permitted to officiate in the Diocese aforesaid. But in any case, before he shall be permitted to settle in any Church or Parish, or be received into union with any Diocese of this Church as a Minister thereof, he shall produce to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee thereof, a letter of dismission from under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese he has been last connected; which letter shall be, in substance, that provided for in Section vii of Canon 12 of this Title, and shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof; and when such clergyman shall have been so received, he shall be considered as having passed entirely from the jurisdiction of the Bishop from whom the letter of dismission was brought, to the full jurisdiction of the Bishop or other ecclesiastical authority by whom it shall have been accepted, and become thereby subject to all the canonical provisions of this Church. *Provided*, That no such Clergyman shall be so received into union with any Diocese until he shall have subscribed, in the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese in which he applies for reception, and of two or more Presbyters, the declaration contained in Article 7 of the Constitution; which being done, said Bishop or Standing Committee, being satisfied of his theological acquirements, may receive him into union with this Church as a Minister of the same. *Provided, also*, That such Minister shall not be entitled to settle in any Parish or Church, as canonically in charge of the same, until he shall have resided one year in the United States subsequent to the acceptance of his letter of dismission.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution as reported by the committee was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a resolution of the Bishop of Wisconsin touching a proposed change in [4], Section xvi, Canon 15, Title I, respectfully report that they deem the proposed change inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolution be deferred until the Committee on Canons report on the bearing of this Section on the position of Missionary Bishops.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Albany, touching a proposed addition to Canon 8 of Title III, respectfully report that, having had the subject under consideration, they consider no action expedient for the reason that the proposed amendment belongs properly to the Constitution of the Church and cannot rightly be made matter of canonical enactment; and for the further reason that it appears to interfere with the guaranteed rights of Dioceses. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, the committee was discharged, and the consideration of the subject-matter was postponed until the whole subject of Provincial Synods shall come before the House.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Albany touching a proposed repeal of [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III be amended to read as follows : —

[11.] No Clergyman shall be allowed to take charge of such congregation until he shall have been nominated by the Bishop in charge, and approved by the Vestry of said congregation if there be one, and if there be no such Vestry by the Standing Committee provided for by this Canon ; and when such appointment shall have been accepted by the Clergyman so appointed, he shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bishop in charge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Long Island touching a proposed amendment of [3], Section i, Canon 2, Title II, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [3] of Section i of Canon 2 of Title II be amended to read as follows : —

[3.] Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention, or knowingly aiding or abetting, in public ministrations in the Church, persons canonically inhibited from such ministrations.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a resolution of the Bishop of Albany touching a proposed change of Canon 8 of Title II, respectfully report that having considered the matter, they deem no change in the Canon necessary, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged.

The Order of the Day being called, which was that portion of the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions which re-

lates to a Japanese Prayer Book, the question being on the resolution numbered three in the Report of the committee, it was, by consent, divided.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following amendment, viz., that the following word be added, to wit: —

Provided, That the Order for the Administration of the Holy Communion be included in such translated part,

which was not adopted.

The Bishop of Pittsburgh moved the following amendment, viz. : —

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to the Bishop of Jeddo, in whose judgment this House has entire confidence,

which was not adopted.

The Bishop of Ohio, having by consent amended the resolution reported by the committee as follows, viz. : —

3. That this House advises the Bishop of Jeddo to translate, at present, for the use of the Japanese Christians, only so much of the Book of Common Prayer of this Church as may be immediately necessary for his Mission.

4. That this House regards as important the suggestions contained in his Report; and expresses the hope that the relations of Missionaries laboring in Japan and China from the Church of England and our own Church may be so adjusted that only one Liturgy may be used by them in ministering to native congregations.

5. That this House is of opinion that when the National Churches of Japan and China shall be organized, they should be provided with a Liturgy framed upon the precedents of primitive and purely Catholic Liturgies, whilst adapting itself to the peculiarities of the national character.

On motion, the third resolution was adopted.

On motion, the fourth resolution was adopted.

On motion, the fifth resolution was adopted.

The Bishop of Ohio, from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Foreign Missions has had before them the withdrawal of Rev. S. I. J. Schereschewsky, D.D., from his acceptance of an election to the Bishopric of Shanghai, communicated verbally to the House of Bishops by a committee in October, 1876.

Your committee have had a lengthened interview with him, and used all proper efforts to induce him to withdraw his resignation, but regret to report their entire want of success. They therefore return this communication to the House.

G. T. BEDELL.

H. N. PIERCE.

M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE.

WILLIAM H. HARE.

WILLIAM PINKNEY.

On motion, the letter of the Rev. Dr. Schereschewsky was ordered on file.

The Bishop of North Carolina, from the Joint Committee on securing increased Efficiency in the Government of the General Theological Seminary, presented the following Report, which was recommitted yesterday, viz. : —

The Commission appointed by the General Convention at its last session to consider what legislation may be necessary to enable the trustees to govern the General Seminary with increased efficiency, ask leave to report, —

That having considered the subject referred to them, and having given especial attention to a report made to the trustees of the Seminary at their annual meeting, on May the 23d, 1877, by a committee of that body appointed to inquire into the same subject, they have come to the conclusion that the changes recommended in the Constitution of the Seminary by that committee, if adopted, with some slight amendments by the General Convention, and accepted by the Board of Trustees, would greatly increase the efficiency of that Board in the government of the Seminary.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: —

Resolved, first, the House of Deputies concurring, That the second Article of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary be so amended as to read thus: —

The management of the said Seminary shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, who shall have power to constitute Professorships, and to appoint the Professors, and to prescribe the course of study in the respective schools, and to make Rules and Regulations and Statutes for the government thereof; and generally to take such measures as they may deem necessary to its prosperity; *provided*, that such Rules and Regulations, and course of study, and measures, be not repugnant to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and to the course of study for Candidates for Orders, which is, or may be, established by the House of Bishops. The Bishops who are Trustees, shall, in their individual and collective capacity, be visitors of the Seminary, and shall see that the course of instruction and discipline be conducted agreeably to the foregoing provision. The Trustees shall make report to every General Convention of their proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary.

Resolved, secondly, the House of Deputies concurring, That the third Article of the same Constitution be so amended as to read thus: —

The Board of Trustees shall be permanently constituted as follows: Every Bishop of the Church having jurisdiction in any Diocese or Missionary District shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Board, unless he shall communicate in writing to the Secretary of the Board his desire not to continue as such.

Every Diocese shall be entitled to one Trustee, and to one additional Trustee for every forty Clergymen belonging to the same, until the year 1880, after which year the number of Trustees (on the basis of Clergy) shall not be increased; *provided*, however, that the Trustees of any Diocese hereafter formed may be increased until the number be three for such Diocese.

Every Diocese shall also be entitled to one additional Trustee for every two thousand dollars of money in any way given or contributed in the same to the funds of the Seminary, until the sum amounts to ten thousand dollars; and to one additional Trustee for every ten thousand dollars of contributions and donations as aforesaid, exceeding that sum. The Trustees shall have their domicile in the Diocese for which they are appointed. They shall be nominated by the Diocesan Conventions respectively, to every stated General Convention which may confirm or reject such nominations. The senior Bishop present shall preside at every meeting of the Board of Trustees; and whenever demanded by a majority of the Bishops present, or a majority of the Clerical and Lay Trustees present, the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops present and a majority of the Clerical and Lay Trustees present shall be necessary to any act of the Board. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum. The Trustees shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. In the interval between the stated meetings

of the General Convention, the Board shall have power to supply all vacancies from the Dioceses respectively in which they may have occurred. Upon the removal of any Trustee from the Diocese for which he shall have been appointed, his office shall thenceforth be vacated, and the Board of Trustees shall have power to supply the vacancy pursuant to the provisions of the third Article of this Constitution.

Resolved, thirdly, the House of Deputies concurring, That the fourth Article of the same be so amended as to read thus :—

The Board of Trustees shall always meet in the Diocese where the Seminary is established, at such stated periods as they may determine; and special meetings may be called by the Bishop of the said Diocese; and shall be called by him at the requisition of a majority of the Bishops who are Trustees. And in the event of a disability of the Bishop of the said Diocese from any cause whatever, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate of the same, a special meeting may be called by a majority of the Bishops who are Trustees, they indicating one of their own number to give the notice of such meeting.

Resolved, fourthly, the House of Deputies concurring, That another Article be added to the Constitution, to be numbered the eighth, which shall read thus :—

This Constitution, as altered by the concurrent vote of the General Convention of 1877, and of the Board of Trustees, shall take effect on the first day of May, 1879; and the first Trustees other than Bishops under this amended Constitution shall be chosen before that time by the Diocesan Conventions respectively, and a certificate of their election duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

THOMAS ATKINSON, *Chairman*.

The question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The second resolution was adopted.

The third resolution was adopted.

The fourth resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, it was

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the first paragraph of Article IV of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary be, and is hereby repealed, to wit, commencing "For the present," and ending "the provisions thereof."

The Bishop of Nebraska, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Memorials, etc., to whom has been referred a memorial from the Society for the Promotion of Church Work among the Colored People, and similar memorials from clergymen, vestrymen, and members from several congregations of colored people, praying for help in the education of Candidates for Holy Orders, and in the extension of the influence and institutions of our Church, would report : Your committee believe, that these petitioners may be confidently assured of the warm sympathy of the Bishops of this Church in all their endeavors to increase among the colored people spiritual wisdom and a love of the Gospel and kingdom of our Lord, as well as in the many trials and sufferings of their present condition; inasmuch as the committee, however, can suggest no new method by which this House can effectively and prudently further the ends sought by the petitioners, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the petitioners, a part of the great family for which Christ died, be advised to seek direction and fatherly counsel in the matter of their peti-

tion from the individual Bishops of their Dioceses, and of the Commission of Home Missions to Colored People.

ALFRED LEE.
ROBERT H. CLARKSON.
F. D. HUNTINGTON.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Bishop of Easton, from the Standing Committee on Christian Education, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee of the two Houses on Christian Education, sitting as a Joint Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Church school for Girls, asks leave respectfully to report : —

It appears from authentic documents laid before us that the petitioners represent a school, incorporated in the District of Columbia, to be conducted under the auspices of the Convocation of Washington, and having the approval of the Diocesan authorities.

The Constitution of the school provides that, of the thirteen Trustees, five may be elected triennially by the General Convention ; they may be otherwise appointed, should the General Convention decline or neglect to appoint.

It is the opinion of the committee that, if the Convention accedes to this request, it will establish a precedent which will be prolific of trouble.

By appointing Trustees for one school and another of a diocesan or parochial character, the General Convention will greatly increase its routine business. Such appointment will be in some sort an indorsement of the school in question ; hence there may arise the embarrassing necessity of discriminating among schools which ask official indorsement.

While the proposed school commends itself to the sympathy and hearty approval of the committee, it thinks that the petition cannot be granted, and asks to be discharged from its further consideration.

HENRY C. LAY, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged.

The Bishop of Central New York, from the Joint Committee to prepare and report a correct version of the Prayer Book in the Italian language, presented the following Report, viz. : —

Your committee ask leave to report : —

I. That a version has been begun under the direction of the committee, of which the following portions are now ready : —

Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, The Litany, Prayers and Thanksgivings, the Collects, the Communion Service, and the Offices for the Public Baptism of Infants, and the Private Baptism of Infants.

The whole work could easily have been finished before this, in the manner of a compilation from existing materials ; but as there are already several versions of the English, and one, at least, of portions of the American Prayer Book, it was not thought desirable to add another to the number, unless it could be made considerably better than any one of them.

The committee have considered accuracy and literary excellence of such importance as to justify deliberation. In the progress of the work the committee have had under consideration, among other things, two points upon which they desire to be instructed by the House of Bishops. These are : —

1. Whether, in translating the Rubric which immediately precedes the Apostles' Creed, it might not be advisable to omit all that follows the word "standing," that clause being likely, as the committee believe, to give perplexity and grave offence to those for whom this version is chiefly intended.

2. Whether it might not be expedient to furnish marginal alternatives for certain words in the "Prayer for the President of the United States and all in

Civil Authority," and in the "Prayer for Congress," so that when our Service is used by foreigners or in a foreign country, these prayers, so altered, might serve respectively as "a Prayer for the King and Royal Family" and "a Prayer for the Parliament" of that country.

Through the liberality of Mr. Donald Kennedy, the committee have been supplied with funds sufficient to print a small edition of the most generally useful parts of the Prayer Book. The work of translation has been done by Professor Nash, who takes pains constantly to refer to the most trustworthy authorities, both among the living and in the past, and who has the confidence of the other members of the committee for competency and fidelity.

The committee recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, That this House authorize the provisional use, in Italian congregations, of such portions of the new version as shall, from time to time, before the next General Convention, be printed by authority of the committee on this subject, the Joint Committee on the Prayer Book agreeing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. HUNTINGTON.

T. B. LYMAN.

R. J. NEVIN.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The following Messages were received from the House of Deputies, viz.:—

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 18.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee consisting of five Bishops, five Presbyters, and five Laymen be appointed to consider and report to the next General Convention what changes, if any, should be made in the Hymnal of this Church.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Long Island, it was

Resolved, That the House of Bishops non-concur in Message No. 18, from the House of Deputies, on the ground that, for the present, it is deemed inexpedient to take such action.

BOSTON, MASS., 12th day of the Session,
October 16, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 19.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the proposed amendment of Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 15 of Title I, with the following amendments:—

1. Insert after the word "*selected*" the words "*by the said Missionary Bishop.*"

2. Insert after the words "*Presbyters of any Diocese*" the words "*or Missionary Jurisdiction.*"

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That this House concurs in the additional amendments of Title I, Canon 15, Section vii, Clause [4], proposed in Message No. 19 of the House of Deputies.

The Bishop of Arkansas offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Title I, Canon 15, Section xvi, Subsection (4), page 76 of the Digest, be amended by striking out the words “of the Episcopal Jurisdiction of a Diocese,” in lines 1 and 2, and inserting instead the words “his jurisdiction,”

which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Massachusetts, as President of the Board of Trustees of The Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, in South Boston, and as President of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents, Roxbury Street, Boston Highlands, invited the House of Bishops, at the members' individual convenience, to visit those two interesting charities of the Church.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, the invitation of the Bishop of Massachusetts was accepted with thanks.

The Bishop of Missouri, from the Standing Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that action had not been had on the Report of the Committee on Canons made on the ninth day, in reference to Councils of Conciliation.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following proposed Declaration :—

Of Conformity in Worship.

WHEREAS, Every person admitted to Holy Orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is solemnly engaged to conformity to the worship of this Church; and

WHEREAS, Such worship of this Church is to be regarded *either* as regular and stated, to wit, in official and pastoral duties in Dioceses and Parishes, and for established Congregations or Missions, *or* as extraordinary, incidental, or excursive, whether in official or pastoral ministrations, or in merely personal efforts in pious labor or social devotion; therefore

Be it declared, as the sense of this House of Bishops in General Convention convened:

1. That canonical regulation of the use of the Book of Common Prayer and of the conduct of Ministers in public worship has in purview not (unless otherwise expressly stated) any ministrations extraordinary, incidental, or excursive; but only regular and stated ministrations, whether Diocesan, Parochial, or Missionary.

2. That daily Morning and Evening Prayer, according to the Rubrics of their several Orders, with the Litany after Morning Service on the prescribed days, the Prayers and Thanksgivings upon several occasions as prescribed, and the weekly administration of the Holy Communion according to its Order as well as on the days for which Collects, Epistles, and Gospels are provided; together with the use of the Offices for the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism and other occasional ministrations, as provided in their several Rubrics; constitute the full Norm of the worship of this Church; wherefore

3. Any Bishop in his Diocese, and any Priest or Deacon according to the ministry of his Order, may in any Church or Mission wherein such full Norm is truly and regularly maintained, use in his discretion such additional devotions as

he shall deem needful for the discharge of his office, and conducive to the edification of his people, the spread of the Gospel of Christ, or the awakening and conversion of sinners. *Provided*, That in order to the habitual use of such additional devotions, a Presbyter or Deacon previously obtain the godly counsel and permission of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Church, wherein such use is proposed, may be situate.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, the foregoing proposed Declaration was ordered to be printed, and was made the Order of the Day for Friday, at 11 A. M.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, the Report of the Standing Committee on Canons on the proposed Canon "Of Marriage and Divorce," was made the Order of the Day for Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

On motion, the House adjourned.

THIRTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Wednesday, October 17, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called ; present as yesterday, with the exception of the Bishop of Northern New Jersey.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Assistant Bishop of North Carolina read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Lord Bishop of Fredericton took leave of the House.

The Bishop of Maryland presented memorials from St. Cyprian's Church, St. Mark's Church, Wilmington, from St. Thomas's Church, New Orleans, in relation to Church work among the colored people.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to each of the memorialists on this subject a copy of the Report of the committee, and of the action of the House thereupon.

The Bishop of Maryland presented a memorial from the Rev. W. F. Brand, Presbyter of the Diocese of Maryland, in relation to

the Law of Marriage, which, on his motion, was referred to the Standing Committee on Memorials.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the nomination to the House of Deputies of ■ Bishop for the Missionary Jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona, the Bishop of Virginia moved that the Order of the Day be postponed.

The Bishop of Nebraska moved, as an amendment, that the Order of the Day be postponed until Saturday at 11 o'clock.

The Bishop of Massachusetts offered the following substitute for the motion and amendment : —

Resolved, That the Order of the Day be postponed, and that the subject of nominating a Missionary Bishop of Arizona and New Mexico be the Order of the Day, on Saturday, at 11 o'clock.

The Bishop of Long Island having called for the Order of the Day for 12 m. as to the Canon of Divorce, the Bishop of Montana moved that the Order of the Day be postponed for half an hour, which was not adopted.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the Report of the Standing Committee on Canons in relation to the Canon "Of Marriage and Divorce,"

On motion, the first Section, as reported, was adopted.

On motion, the second Section, as reported, was adopted.

The question being on the amendment to the third Section, offered by the Bishop of Texas, pending the discussion, the hour of recess having arrived, the House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess.

The Order of the Day being called, being the amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution, proposed in Message No. 16 of the House of Deputies, providing for changes in the Lectionary, the Bishop of Maryland, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, reported that having had the Message No. 16 of the House of Deputies under consideration, a difference of opinions in the committee made ■ recommendation on the part of the committee impracticable, and submitted, on his own behalf, the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That this House does not concur in ratifying the proposed addition to the eighth Article of the Constitution, because it is a matter of grave doubt

whether the present juncture admits of the commencement of a course of disintegration and alteration of the Book of Common Prayer, without danger of much consequent diminution of confidence in the stability and consistency of the worship of this Church.

The Bishop of Easton moved as a substitute that the House concur in Message No. 16 of the House of Deputies, which was adopted.

The following message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 13th day of the Session,
October 17, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 20.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee of both Houses, consisting of three Bishops, three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, be appointed to consider and report to the next General Convention what are the several functions of Rectors, and of Wardens and Vestrymen in the control and administration of Parishes, as pertaining to the rights and authority of each in the premises according to the principles and laws of the Church, and reporting to the next General Convention what, in their opinion, is the best method of making those principles and laws of effect.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

Message No. 15 of the House of Deputies having been called up, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 15 of the House of Deputies, relating to a Joint Committee on Shortened Services, and appoints as the committee asked for on the part of this House, the Bishops of Western New York, Florida, and South Carolina.

Message No. 20 of the House of Deputies having been called up, relating to the rights and duties of Rectors and Vestries, it was, on motion, referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The discussion of the proposed Canon of Marriage and Divorce being resumed, the Bishop of New Hampshire offered the following as a substitute for the amendment offered by the Bishop of Texas, viz. : —

Resolved, That the resolution of the Bishop of Texas be amended by striking out all after the words "person divorced," and substituting the words "for any cause arising after marriage, and married again to another in violation of this Canon, during the lifetime of such divorced wife or husband; but this prohibition shall not extend to the innocent party where the divorce has been for the cause of adultery, nor to any truly penitent person,"

which was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of Section iii as thus amended, it was adopted.

The question being on Section iv, it was adopted.

The question being on Section v, it was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the Canon as a whole, it was adopted.

The Bishop of Easton offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the Report of the Joint Committee on the Lectionary be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Prayer Book, with instructions to inquire and report to this House whether or not it is desirable to amend the Lectionary as proposed by the committee, and with the request that they propose such action in the premises, by Canon or otherwise, as is suitable to be taken by the House, if any such action shall seem to them desirable.

The Bishop of Maryland moved to amend the resolution, substituting the words “ the order how Holy Scripture is appointed to be read,” for the words “ the Lectionary,” which was adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Ohio touching the relations of a Bishop to churches that have been consecrated, respectfully report that, in view of the many questions involving points of civil as well as ecclesiastical law which the question raises, and the impossibility of considering the same at so late a period of the session, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting of three Bishops, three Clergymen, and three Laymen, be appointed to consider the subject of the relations of a Bishop to churches that have been consecrated, to whom the resolution of the Bishop of Iowa shall be referred, with instructions to report to the next General Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Western Michigan, touching a proposed change of Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II be amended to read as follows :—

§ ii. When any Minister is deposed from the Holy Ministry, he is deposed therefrom entirely, and not from a higher to a lower order of the same; and whenever a Minister shall be deposed, the Bishop who pronounces sentence shall without delay give notice thereof to every Minister and Vestry in the Diocese, and also to all the Bishops of this Church, and where there is no Bishop to the Standing Committee, and the notice shall specify under what Canon the said Minister has been deposed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Easton, touching a proposed additional section to Canon 22 of Title I, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following new section of Title I be enacted : —

In Collegiate or Private Chapels where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated, the Minister officiating shall use no other form than that prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the foregoing section be numbered Section ii of Canon 22 of Title I, and that the present Section ii be numbered Section iii.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the first resolution, as reported, was adopted.

On motion, the second resolution was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Arkansas, touching a proposed change of [4] of Section xvi of Canon 15 of Title I, and also a resolution of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, touching the same clause, respectfully report that, having had the matter under consideration, they have unanimously reached the following conclusions : —

1. That it is not at present expedient to repeal that part of the clause which makes a Diocesan Bishop who has resigned his jurisdiction ineligible to election in another Diocese.

2. That they do not recommend the adoption of any provision by which Missionary Bishops shall, in this regard, be placed under the same restriction as Diocesan Bishops, which restriction does not, in their opinion, now apply to them.

3. That, in their opinion, neither a Diocesan or Missionary Bishop who has resigned his charge is entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops.

They therefore recommend that no change be made in the said clause as it stands at present, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the letter of the Registrar of the General Convention, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That [3] of Section ii of Canon 1 of Title III be amended to read as follows : —

[3.] It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to procure a proper and sufficient book of record, and to enter therein a record of the Consecrations of all the Bishops of this Church, designating accurately the time and place of the same, with the names of the Consecrating Bishops, and of others present and assisting;

to have the same authenticated in the fullest manner now practicable; and to take care for the similar record and authentication of all future Consecrations in this Church, by securing in person, or by deputy, at the time and place of every such Consecration, a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding, and by two or more of the Bishops assisting in the said Consecration, which certificate shall be entered in the said book of records under the attestation of a Notary Public, and also placed on file.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut offered the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Registrar of the General Convention be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the General Convention for the expenses necessary for the purposes contemplated by Title III, Canon 1, Section ii, Paragraph [3],

which, on motion, was referred to the Joint Committee on Expenses.

The Bishop of Connecticut from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, asking for a consideration of the provisions of Canon 7 of Title II, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 7 of Title II be amended to read as follows:—

CANON 7.

When a Clergyman has been absent from the Diocese to which he belongs during five years, without reasons satisfactory to the Bishop thereof, he shall be required by the Bishop to declare the cause or causes thereof in writing; and if he refuse to give his reasons, or if they be deemed insufficient by the Bishop, the Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, suspend him from the Ministry, which suspension shall continue until he shall give, in writing, sufficient reasons for his absence; or until he shall renew his residence in his Diocese; or until he shall renounce the Ministry according to Canon 5 of this Title. But in case the said Clergyman shall not comply with either of the foregoing provisions, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to advertise him that, unless he does so comply within a period of six months, he will be deposed from the Ministry; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop so to depose him. In the case of such suspension or deposition, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese wherein there is no Bishop.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Texas offered the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, That Clause [3] of Section vii, Canon 14, Title I (pp. 56, 57), be so amended as to read: "If a Minister, removing into another Diocese, who has been called to take charge of a Parish or Congregation, shall present a testimonial in the form aforesaid, the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to which he has removed may accept it.

If, however, the Bishop or Standing Committee should have heard rumors, that he or they believe to be well founded, against the character of the Minister concerned, which would form a proper ground of canonical inquiry and presentment, in such case the ecclesiastical authority shall communicate the same to the Bishop or Standing Committee of the Diocese to whose jurisdiction the said Minister belongs; and the ecclesiastical authority may not accept the testimonial unless, and until, the Minister shall be exculpated from the said charges."

The Bishop of Albany, from the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, presented the following Report, viz. : —

Your Committee on Domestic Missions, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Board of Missions in reference to the exclusion of the Indians from the obligations and benefits of civil law, recommend to this House the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a committee of three persons from each House be appointed, with power to take such steps as in their discretion may be judicious and effective toward securing from the Government for the Indians the full protection of the civil law.

H. B. WHIPPLE.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the election of a Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona be made the Order of the Day for Saturday at 11 A. M.

The Bishop of Missouri offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Amendments of the Constitution to consider and report whether an amendment to Article 9 of the Constitution is not needed to declare explicitly that a consent of the majority of the Bishops having seats in the House of Bishops is necessary in order to a final ratification of any proposed amendment of the Constitution,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Missouri moved that the Report of the Standing Committee on Canons in relation to Councils of Conciliation be made the Order of the Day for Thursday at 11 o'clock, which was adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the House adjourned.

FOURTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Thursday, October 18, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Bishop of Michigan took the Chair.

The roll was called; present as yesterday, with the addition of the Bishop of Northern New Jersey, and the exception of the

Bishops of Kentucky, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, Oregon, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Assistant Bishop of Maryland read a portion of Scripture, and the Bishop presiding offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, the Order of the Day was postponed to Saturday at 12 o'clock.

The House went into Council.

The Council rose.

The Bishop Presiding presented a communication from the Board of Missions, in relation to a Service of Intercession for Missions, which, on motion, was referred to the Committees on Foreign and Domestic Missions meeting jointly.

The Bishop Presiding presented a memorial from certain Clergy and Laity on the subject of free and open churches, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 20 from the House of Deputies touching a Joint Committee of both Houses, to consist of three Bishops, three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, to consider and report to the next General Convention what are the several functions of Rectors and of Wardens and Vestrymen in the control and administration of Parishes, etc., respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House concurs in the resolution contained in Message No. 20 from the House of Deputies.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop Presiding appointed the following members, on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee on securing for Indians the protection of civil law : —

The Bishop of Minnesota, the Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Bishop of Niobrara, and the following members, on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee on the Functions of Rectors and Vestries, referred to in Message No. 20 of the House of Deputies : —

The Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Central New York, the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on the Prayer Book, charged to consider and report upon the expediency of providing a prayer for preservation in journeyings by land, are unanimous in the opinion that this is one of many additional forms the want of which is deeply and generally felt; and they are of the opinion that a provisional supplement might properly be furnished, by authority, for the use of the Clergy in many cases not provided for. But unless encouraged to think that a more specific report on this matter would be favourably received by the House of Bishops, they are disposed to avail themselves of a time-honoured example, and to suggest the safe policy of doing nothing. They venture, however, to propose the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That the Bishop of every Diocese and Missionary District having power to supply such special prayers as extraordinary occasions may demand, it is inexpedient at this time to propose an additional prayer to be inserted in the Prayer Book.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.
W. B. W. HOWE.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Standing Committee on the Prayer Book respectfully report : —

In the matter of a resolution moved by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of North Carolina, and referred to this committee, which proposes a new Suffrage to be inserted in the Litany, we respectfully report : —

That so long ago as 1853 a similar resolution was passed in the House of Deputies, not, indeed, proposing a change in the Prayer Book, but apparently looking to such a result. (See Journal, pp. 74 and 85.) Surely it may be urged that the words of our Divine Master touching this prayer ought to be exceptionally honoured by being inserted in an Office which is incomplete without it, however unwilling we may be to touch the Prayer Book, except under stress of a Divine precept. Your committee can see no just ground of objection to such a proposal, and therefore they offer the following resolutions : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following Suffrage and Response be inserted in the Litany, immediately after the supplication for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, viz. : —

“That it may please Thee to send forth labourers into Thine harvest!

“We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!”

Resolved, That this proposed change be communicated to the several Dioceses, according to the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.
W. B. W. HOWE.

The Bishop of Easton moved the following amendment, viz. : —

That the following words be added to the proposed Suffrage, viz. : “And shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom.”

The Assistant Bishop of North Carolina moved the following amendment to the Bishop of Easton’s proposed amendment, viz. : —

That the whole Suffrage be as follows, viz. : “That it may please Thee to have pity upon the necessities of Thy Church, and to send forth labourers into the harvest!”

which was not adopted.

The question being on the amendment proposed by the Bishop of Easton, it was not adopted.

The Bishop of Kansas offered the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, That the Suffrage, as reported by the committee, be amended by inserting after the words "that it may please Thee," the words "O Lord of the harvest," so that the whole Suffrage shall read as follows: "That it may please Thee, O Lord of the harvest, to send forth labourers into Thy harvest."

The hour for recess having arrived, the House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess.

The question being on the amendment offered by the Bishop of Kansas, it was adopted.

The Bishop of Easton moved as an amendment,

That the proposed Suffrage be inserted immediately after the Suffrage for the kindly fruits of the earth,

which was not adopted.

The question being on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report:—

The Joint Committee of the two Houses on the Book of Common Prayer, to whom were referred divers proposed plans for permitting the use of a shortened Form of Daily Prayer on certain occasions of Divine Service, have agreed on the following Report:—

The committee are unanimous in the conviction that adhesion on their part to the traditional policy of requesting "to be excused from further consideration of the subject" will not satisfy this Convention. The demand for such a privilege is urgent, and almost intolerant of further delays. On the other hand no attempt to alter Rubrics or to amend Constitutional provisions meets with general approbation. The only alternative, that of meeting the emergency by Canon, is of doubtful propriety in the opinion of some greatly respected authorities. Yet the committee are unanimous in the conviction that objections on the grounds of Constitutional Law are by no means formidable. The permission always accorded to our Bishops (see Canon 15, Section xiv of Title I), to set forth forms of prayer for extraordinary occasions, which it is declared to be the duty of the Clergy to use on such occasions, instead of the daily prayer of the Prayer Book, establishes a principle on which the committee confidently rely as justifying their conclusions. But this principle is fortified by the Canon "Of the Use of the Book of Common Prayer"—Canon 22, Title I—which is our "Law of Uniformity," and answers to the English law, so called, which recognizes a similar principle. A Canon on the use of the Book of Common Prayer, falling short of the rubrical requirements which contemplated its daily use, and in full view of which the daily use of the Prayer Book, in Divine Service, has long been the exception and not the practice of this Church, may certainly admit of modifications which will secure a more general compliance with the spirit, if not the letter, of our rubrical law. Compliance with its letter being, in many cases, a practical impossibility, this Canon now operates to abolish frequent services and

to make a partial use of the Offices of Daily Prayer a greater offence than a total neglect of the same. The committee suppose that this is a sacrifice of the very life of our Offices to ideas of their functional requirements which are not unquestionable. The Church of England, hampered by Acts of Parliament, and rigidly conservative even to the point of almost lifeless inactivity in such matters, has yielded to the necessities of the case and permitted a partial use of the Prayer Book, in certain circumstances, without any alteration of its Rubrics. Is it possible that we can conceive of ourselves as fettered by graver constitutional considerations than have been thus made to give way to the spiritual urgencies of the times in our Mother Church? We think not; and, therefore, following an example which has been found to work no evil, but to effect much good, we have resolved to propose an addition to Canon 22, Title I, which will permit some relaxation of its requirements in certain particulars. This moderate measure will be an experiment easily remedied should it be found to operate unsatisfactorily. It has this great advantage as compared with speculative and perilous amendments of Rubrics and Constitutions, to correct it is always in the immediate power of the General Convention. It is always wise, in the opinion of the committee, that proposed improvements should be tried as experiments before being organized into system.

The committee, on the part of this House, propose the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 22, Title I, "*On the Use of the Book of Common Prayer*," be amended so as to read as follows:—

CANON 22, TITLE I.

§1. Every Minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, and on all other occasions of public worship, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same is or may be established by the authority of the General Convention of this Church; and in performing such service, no other prayer shall be used than those prescribed by the said Book; *provided*, that the Minister may, by permission of the Ordinary, on any days except the Lord's Day, and the Festivals of our Lord, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the day of Annual Thanksgiving, begin the Morning Prayer (or the Evening Prayer) at the General Confession, or at the Lord's Prayer, using both or one of the Lessons, followed by a Canticle; and then as ordered, ending after the Collect for Grace (or the Collect against Perils) with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom and 2 Cor. xiii, 14.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.
W. B. W. HOWE.
E. E. BEARDSLEY.
WILLIAM ADAMS.
I. G. HUBBARD.
G. H. NORTON.
W. RUDDER.
HENRY ANSTICE.
HORACE STRINGFELLOW.
ORLANDO MEADS.
J. C. GARTHWAITE.
ORIGEN S. SEYMOUR.
AUGUSTUS H. MOSS.
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH.

On motion of the Bishop of Western New York, the Report was laid upon the table for the present.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Memorials, etc., to whom was referred the Memorial from several Clergymen, asking that a letter urging the duty of unity among Chris-

tian people be issued by the Bishops, beg leave to report the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the above-mentioned Memorial be referred to the Commission on Church Unity.

ALFRED LEE.
ROBERT H. CLARKSON.
F. D. HUNTINGTON.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Memorials, etc., to whom was referred the Memorial of several members of the Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, upon the subject of Marriage and Divorce, report the following resolution:—

Resolved, That inasmuch as the House has already considered and taken action on this subject, the committee be discharged from further consideration of this Memorial.

ALFRED LEE.
ROBERT H. CLARKSON.
F. D. HUNTINGTON.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted and the committee was discharged.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Memorials, etc., to whom was referred the Memorial from a number of Clergymen and Laymen, asking for a testimony from this House in their Pastoral Letter respecting free seats in churches, report the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Memorial be referred to the Committee on the Pastoral Letter.

ALFRED LEE.
ROBERT H. CLARKSON.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted, and the Memorial was so referred.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz.:—

MESSAGE No. 21. BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has elected as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary the persons whose names are recorded in the accompanying list.

Attest:

CHAS L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, this Message was referred to the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

The Bishop of North Carolina offered the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Canon hereunto subjoined be enacted.

TITLE

On Marriages forbidden in this Church because of Consanguinity or Affinity between the Parties.

§ i. A man shall not marry his

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| 1. <i>Grandmother.</i> | 16. <i>Sister.</i> |
| 2. <i>Grandfather's wife.</i> | 17. <i>Wife's sister.</i> |
| 3. <i>Wife's grandmother.</i> | 18. <i>Brother's wife.</i> |
| 4. <i>Father's sister.</i> | 19. <i>Son's daughter.</i> |
| 5. <i>Mother's sister.</i> | 20. <i>Daughter's daughter.</i> |
| 6. <i>Father's brother's wife.</i> | 21. <i>Son's son's wife.</i> |
| 7. <i>Mother's brother's wife.</i> | 22. <i>Daughter's son's wife.</i> |
| 8. <i>Wife's father's sister.</i> | 23. <i>Wife's son's daughter.</i> |
| 9. <i>Wife's mother's sister.</i> | 24. <i>Wife's daughter's daughter.</i> |
| 10. <i>Mother.</i> | 25. <i>Brother's daughter.</i> |
| 11. <i>Step-mother.</i> | 26. <i>Sister's daughter.</i> |
| 12. <i>Wife's mother.</i> | 27. <i>Brother's son's wife.</i> |
| 13. <i>Daughter.</i> | 28. <i>Sister's son's wife.</i> |
| 14. <i>Wife's daughter.</i> | 29. <i>Wife's brother's daughter.</i> |
| 15. <i>Son's wife.</i> | 30. <i>Wife's sister's daughter.</i> |

§ ii. A woman shall not marry her

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| 1. <i>Grandfather.</i> | 16. <i>Brother.</i> |
| 2. <i>Grandmother's husband.</i> | 17. <i>Husband's brother.</i> |
| 3. <i>Husband's grandfather.</i> | 18. <i>Sister's husband.</i> |
| 4. <i>Father's brother.</i> | 19. <i>Son's son.</i> |
| 5. <i>Mother's brother.</i> | 20. <i>Daughter's son.</i> |
| 6. <i>Father's sister's husband.</i> | 21. <i>Son's daughter's husband.</i> |
| 7. <i>Mother's sister's husband.</i> | 22. <i>Daughter's daughter's husband.</i> |
| 8. <i>Husband's father's brother.</i> | 23. <i>Husband's son's son.</i> |
| 9. <i>Husband's mother's brother.</i> | 24. <i>Husband's daughter's son.</i> |
| 10. <i>Father.</i> | 25. <i>Brother's son.</i> |
| 11. <i>Step father.</i> | 26. <i>Sister's son.</i> |
| 12. <i>Husband's father.</i> | 27. <i>Brother's daughter's husband.</i> |
| 13. <i>Son.</i> | 28. <i>Sister's daughter's husband.</i> |
| 14. <i>Husband's son.</i> | 29. <i>Husband's brother's son.</i> |
| 15. <i>Daughter's husband.</i> | 30. <i>Husband's sister's son.</i> |

§ iii. No Minister of this Church shall solemnize matrimony in any case where the parties shall be related within the degrees forbidden by the previous sections of this Canon.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, the foregoing resolution was made the Order of the Day for Monday, October 22, at 11 A. M.

The Bishop of Cape Palmas offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That the House of Bishops unite in recommending all our Theological Institutions to introduce as soon as practicable a thorough course of instruc-

tion on Foreign Missions, and the present religious condition and needs of the world,

which was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the foregoing resolution be commended to the consideration of the Committee on the Pastoral Letter.

The Bishop of Western New York moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on the Organization of Provincial Synods, presented on the second day of the session.

The Bishop of Long Island moved the following as an amendment to the motion of the Bishop of Western New York:—

Resolved, That the whole subject of Provinces for this Church be recommitted to the same Special Committee, with instructions to report to this House at the next General Convention such changes and modifications in the existing organization of this Church as, in their judgment, would be made necessary or expedient by the introduction of a Provincial System,

which was adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the House adjourned.

FIFTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Friday, October 19, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Bishop of Michigan took the Chair.

The roll was called; present as yesterday, with the addition of the Bishops of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Iowa.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Massachusetts read a portion of Scripture, and the Bishop Presiding offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The following Messages were received from the House of Deputies, viz.:—

MESSAGE No. 22.

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section ii of Canon 8 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

§ ii. [1.] A candidate for Priesthood shall not be ordained to that Office within three years from his admission as such candidate.

[2.] A candidate for Priesthood shall not be ordained within one year from his reception of Deacon's Orders, except by the advice and consent of three fourths of all the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, at a meeting duly convened.

Attest :

CHAS L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 22 was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 23.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 20 of the House of Bishops [relating to binding the Hymnal with the Prayer Book].

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the action proposed by them in Message No. 12, repealing Clause [12] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 24.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee on the Lectionary be appointed, consisting of seven members on the part of this House, with power to sit during the recess of the Convention.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed the Rev. Dr. Hare, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Beardsley, of Connecticut; the Rev. Dr. Beach, of New York; the Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of New Hampshire; the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, of Northern New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Massachusetts; and the Rev. Dr. Harison, of Albany, as the said committee on the part of this House.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the foregoing Message was referred to the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 25.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House, having made other provision for the expenses of the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, does not concur with the House of Bishops in the new Section of Canon 1 of Title III proposed by them in their Message No. 8.

Attest :

CHAS L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 26.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That this House concurs in the following resolution, Message No. 36, from the House of Bishops:—

“*Resolved*, That the Joint Committee heretofore in charge of the matter be continued and reconstituted with reference to convenience of assembling; and that a Committee of Conference be appointed by the two Houses to nominate the members of said Committee on the Godly Discipline of the Laity.

“The House of Deputies has appointed as its committee, to nominate such Joint Committee, the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. Cady, of New York; and Mr. Hunter, of Long Island.”

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies,
viz.:—

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 27.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 4 of Title II is hereby repealed.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 27 of the House of Deputies was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies,
viz.:—

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 28.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has nominated on the part of this House, as a Joint Committee on the Functions of Rectors, Wardens, and Vestrymen, the Rev. Dr. Rudder, of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of Long Island, Mr. Meads, of Albany, Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut, and Mr. Parker, of New Jersey.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies,
viz.:—

BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 29.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Clause [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III, proposed by them in their Message No. 25, with the amendment that the said Clause read as follows:—

[11.] No Clergyman shall be allowed to take charge of such congregation until he shall have been nominated by the Vestry thereof (or if there be no such Vestry, by the Standing Committee provided for by this Canon) and approved by the Bishop in charge; and when such appointment shall have been accepted by the Clergyman so appointed, he shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bishop in charge.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 29 of the House of Deputies, amending Title III, Canon 5, Section iii, Clause [11].

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies,
viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 30. BOSTON, MASS., 14th day of the Session,
October 18, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the Committee on the General Theological Seminary have leave to sit as a Joint Committee with the Committee of the House of Bishops on the General Theological Seminary.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, leave was given to the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary to sit with the corresponding Committee of the House of Deputies as a Joint Committee.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies,
viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 31. BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 2 of Title IV is hereby amended so as to read as follows : —

Of the Enactment, Amendment, and Repeal of Canons.

§ i. In all cases of future enactment, the same, if by way of amendment of an existing provision, shall be in the following form : "Title —, Canon —, Section —, Clause —, is hereby amended so as to read as follows" : And if the enactment is of an additional Clause, Section, or Canon, it shall be designated as the next Canon, or next Section, or next Clause of a Canon or Section, in the order of numbering of the Title to which the subject properly belongs ; and if a Canon or Section or Clause be stricken out, the existing numbering shall be retained until a new edition of the Canons be directed, or until changed, as in the Section provided.

§ ii. The Committee on Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each session of the General Convention, appoint two of their number to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary, who shall print the same in the Journal.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 31 was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 32. BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has Elected, on the part of this House, Mr. Lloyd W. Wells, of New York, as Treasurer of the General Convention.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 32.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 33.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 5 of Title II is hereby amended so as to read as follows : —

CANON 5.

Of Renunciation of the Ministry.

§ i. If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare in writing to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to which he belongs, his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop or of the Standing Committee, as the case may be, to record the declaration so made; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop in the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, of any Bishop who, being requested by such Standing Committee, shall consent to act in the matter, to depose such person from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Clergymen that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry of this Church. *Provided*, however, that, if the Bishop shall be satisfied that the person so declaring is not amenable for any canonical offence, and that his renunciation of the Ministry is for cause not affecting his moral character, he shall, instead of recording the sentence of deposition in the form aforesaid, pronounce and record that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry upon his own renunciation of the same, and not for any cause affecting his moral character; and he shall give a certificate to this effect to the person so deposed; and he shall also give due notice of such deposition from the Ministry to the ecclesiastical authority of every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church, in the form in which the same is recorded.

§ ii. If the Bishop or the Standing Committee to whom such declaration renouncing the Ministry is made shall have reason to believe that the person so declaring has acted hastily and unadvisedly, action on such declaration may be postponed for the space of not more than six months, during which time such person may withdraw his application.

§ iii. If the Bishop or the Standing Committee, to whom such declaration is made, shall have ground to suppose that the person making the same is liable to presentment for any canonical offence, such person may, in the discretion of the Bishop or Standing Committee, as the case may be, notwithstanding such declaration, be put upon trial for such offence in the manner prescribed by Canon for the trial of Ministers in other cases.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 33 was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 15th day of the Session,
October 19, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 34.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 38 from the House of Bishops (relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to secure from the Government the full protection of the civil law to the Indians) and has appointed as such committee on the part of this House the following persons : —

Mr. Montgomery Blair, of Maryland.

Mr. James M. Smith, of Western New York.

The Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., of New York.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Bishop of Indiana, from the Joint Committee on Expenses, reported the following resolution, viz. :—

WHEREAS, Nathan Matthews, Esq., Treasurer of the General Convention, has, in view of the fact that several of the offices of the Convention have been already conferred upon representatives of the Diocese to which he belongs, declined a re-nomination to the office which he has held for the last six years, this Convention would bear grateful testimony to the ability and success with which the late Treasurer has performed the duties of his office, especially in systematizing and arranging its details, and in collecting and caring for the dues of the Convention,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Albany, from the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Standing Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions, to whom was referred a communication from the Board of Missions in reference to a Service for a Day of Intercession, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops set apart a Day of Intercession for the increase of workers in the Missionary field, and for a larger zeal and interest in Missionary work; and, further, that the House of Bishops shall set forth a Form of Service to be used in any Diocese whose Bishop shall authorize its use at Morning and Evening Prayer on the said Day, and, at his discretion, on the following Sunday as well.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Bishop of Alabama, from the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary respectfully report that they have had referred to them a list of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary elected by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

It appears from Message No. 21 of the House of Deputies that the aforesaid list of Trustees was made up, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary, of persons nominated to be Trustees by their respective Dioceses.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concurs in the election of the persons named in the list communicated in Message No. 21 from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WM. INGRAHAM KIP.
RICH. H. WILMER.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Joint Committee on the German Prayer Book, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Joint Committee on the proposed German Prayer Book respectfully report that their work has been prosecuted with all proper despatch, and is now very nearly completed. The accomplished and very laborious theologian who has been their chief reliance in the discharge of their duties thus speaks of the state of business at this time :—

“Specimen portions of the version have been printed by the New York Bible

and Prayer Book Society in accordance with the plan proposed by the Joint Committee, and adopted by the Society upon their suggestion.

"The portions which have passed the committee, and have been published as 'proof sheets,' are the following:—

"1. Baptismal Offices, Catechism, Confirmation, Churching of Women, and Family Prayers.

"These are embodied in a little pamphlet, used as a manual of instruction and as a tract for distribution to parents and sponsors at Baptism, and to candidates for Confirmation.

"2. Solemnization of Matrimony, Visitation Offices, and Communion of the Sick (complete), and also Burial Office.

"Of these Offices the Matrimonial and the Burial Services have been issued as separate tracts for occasional distribution. But this whole series will soon come out as a '*Vademecum Pastorale*' for the use of our German Clergymen in their Mission work.

"The remaining parts of the Prayer Book are prepared for the press and may be published as rapidly as the committee may approve. However, it seems to be prudent to publish the most important portions of the Book, viz., the Public Services of the Church, the Communion Service, and the Daily Prayers last of all, so that the whole benefit derived from general criticism may be given to the most difficult part of the work.

"We have, in the mean time, for practical use in our congregations, the 'Mission Service' approved by seven Bishops of the Church, as a temporary expedient.

"The part now most desirable, or *tract*, would be the 'Ordinal with the Articles,' which are nearly ready.

"Your obedient son and servant in the Church,

"G. F. SIEGMUND."

The committee on the part of this House beg to submit the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Committee on the Proposed Version of the Prayer Book in the German Language be continued until the next Triennial Meeting of the General Convention.

W. R. WHITTINGHAM.

W. H. ODENHEIMER.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.

D. R. GOODWIN.

GEO. LEEDS.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishops of Minnesota and Niobrara asked to be excused from the Committee on the Civil Rights of Indians, and the Chair appointed in their stead the Bishops of Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

The Bishop of Maryland declined to serve on the Commission for Christian Unity.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SIXTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,
Saturday, October 20, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called ; present as yesterday, with the exception of the Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas, and the addition of the Bishops of Kentucky, Rhode Island, and Maine.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Niobrara read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Bishop of Alabama asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which was granted.

The Bishop of Montana presented the request of the Bishop of Cape Palmas for leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this House after recess to-day, in order that he may arrange to sail on the 24th of this month.

The Bishop of Ohio, from the Joint Standing Committees on Foreign and Domestic Missions, presented the following Report :—

The Joint Committee of the two Houses of the General Convention on the subject of Missions, beg leave to report that, as the result of their conferences, it has appeared to the committee expedient to recommend that the Constitution of the Board of Missions shall be reconstructed in conformity with the following propositions ; and the Joint Committee of this House recommend the passage of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the proposed changes in the Constitution of the Board of Missions be referred to the Committee on Canons.

On behalf of the Joint Committee,
G. T. BEDELL.

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to report, as soon as practicable, a Canon substantially like that herewith submitted :—

Canon 9 of Title III is hereby amended so as to read as follows :—

CANON 9.

Of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

§ i. The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows :—

Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, as established in 1820, and since amended at various Times.

ARTICLE I. This institution shall be denominated the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

ARTICLE III. There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of this Church, Bishops and Deputies sitting apart as in General Convention, or together when they shall so decide.

ARTICLE IV. It shall be the duty of the Board of Missions, at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, to appoint a Board of Managers comprising all the Bishops of this Church as *ex officio* members, fifteen Clergymen and fifteen Laymen for the management of the General Missions of this Church, to remain in office until their successors are chosen, and to fill any vacancies that may occur. This Board of Managers shall, during the recess of the Convention, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. All the surviving Life Members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall also be entitled to seats in this Board.

ARTICLE V. The Board of Managers is authorized to form from its own members a Committee for Domestic Missions and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other committees as it may deem desirable to promote special Missionary work, and to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Managers, being intrusted with the management of the general Missionary operations of the Church, is clothed with power to establish Missionary stations, appoint Missionaries, make appropriations of money, regulate the conducting of Missions, and enact all by-laws which they may deem necessary for their own government and for the government of their committees: *provided, always*, that in relation to organized Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary Stations, and with the consent of the Bishops select the Stations.

ARTICLE VII. No Clergyman shall be appointed a Missionary by the Board or by either of the committees until after conference with the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese or Missionary District to which he belongs, nor shall any Missionary be sent to officiate in any Diocese or Missionary District without the consent of the ecclesiastical authority of the same, except when regularly called by an organized Parish in accordance with the Canons, both Diocesan and General; and no person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not at the time a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of regular standing; but nothing in this section precludes the committees from making pecuniary appropriations in aid of missions under the care of other Churches in communion with this Church, or of employing Laymen or women, members of this Church, to do Missionary work.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers is authorized to promote the formation of auxiliary Missionary associations, whose contributions, as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid in accordance with the wish of the donors when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public missionary meetings, to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all auxiliaries approved by the Board of Managers may send one Clerical and one Lay delegate.

§ ii. All Canons and all action by or under the authority of the General Convention, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon and of such amended Constitution, are hereby repealed: *provided, however*, that nothing herein shall in any manner impair or affect any corporate rights of the said society or any vested right whatever.

G. T. BEDELL, *Chairman of the Joint Committee.*

On motion, the motion to refer to the Standing Committee on Canons was adopted.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the subject of the election of a Bishop for the Jurisdiction of New Mexico and Arizona, the Bishop of Pittsburgh moved that the House do now proceed to nominate.

The Bishop of Niobrara moved the following amendment, viz. : —

Resolved, That the Missionary District of New Mexico and Arizona be placed under the charge of the Missionary Bishop of Western Texas.

The hour for a subsequent Order of the Day having arrived, it was, on motion, postponed for the present.

The question being on the amendment of the Bishop of Niobrara, it was not adopted.

The question being on the motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, it was adopted.

The Presiding Bishop having retired, the Bishop of Michigan took the Chair.

On motion, the House proceeded to ballot. After the prescribed order of devotions, the Bishops of Fond du Lac and Iowa were appointed tellers, and the Bishops having deposited their votes, the tellers reported that the Rev. David Buel Knickerbacker had received a majority of the votes cast, and the Bishop presiding declared him to have been duly chosen for nomination by this House.

On motion, it was ordered that this nomination be communicated to the House of Deputies.

The Bishop of California, from the Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary respectfully report that after conference with the Committee of the House of Deputies, they agree to their proposal to omit in the second paragraph of Article III of the Constitution, all after the word "same" in the third line.

WM. INGRAHAM KIP, *Chairman*.

The following message was received : —

MESSAGE No. 35.

BOSTON, Mass., 18th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurs with the House of Bishops in the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary, contained in Message No. 39 from the House of Bishops, with the exception of the proposed amendment to Article III.

Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary be amended so that the *second* paragraph of said Article shall read as follows: "Every Diocese shall be entitled to one Trustee, and to one additional Trustee for every forty Clergy belonging to the same."

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 35 of the House of Deputies.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 36.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting on the part of this House of three Clergymen and three Laymen, be appointed to report to this House an appropriate place for holding the next session of the General Convention.

And the House of Deputies has appointed as members of said committee, on the part of said House, the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York, the Rev. Dr. Rudder, of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Mr. Stanger, of Southern Ohio, Mr. Fish, of New York, Mr. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Gill, of Missouri.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 36 of the House of Deputies.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 37.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II, communicated by them in their Message No. 32, with the addition of the following clause :—

[2.] Deposition, displacing, and all like expressions are the same as degradation.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 37 of the House of Deputies.

On motion of the Bishop of North Carolina, the vote to concur in Message No. 35 of the House of Deputies was reconsidered, and the Message was made the Order of the Day for Monday next at 2 P. M.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania, from the Joint Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions, presented a Report, with the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That the persons named in the foregoing list be elected members of the Board of Missions, and that notice thereof be sent to the House of Deputies for their concurrence,

which was adopted.

The Bishop presiding appointed as members on the part of this House of the Joint Committee on the place of meeting of the next Convention, asked for in Message No. 36 of the House of Deputies,—

The Bishop of Rhode Island, the Bishop of Albany, the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 38.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That leave be given to amend Message No. 38 of the House of Bishops according to request of that House contained in their Message No. 45.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 39.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that Canon 8 of Title III of the Digest be amended so as to read as follows :—

CANON 8.

Of Federate Councils.

It is hereby declared lawful for the Dioceses now existing, or hereafter to exist, within the limits of any State, or within the limits of two or more contiguous States, to establish for themselves a Federate Council or Convention, representing such Dioceses, which may deliberate and decide upon the common interests of the Church within the limits aforesaid. *Provided*, That no action of such Federate Council shall be valid, which shall be, or by subsequent legislation shall become inconsistent with the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention ; and *provided* also, that no general Rules or Regulations passed by any Federate Council or Convention shall be of force in any Diocese adhering thereto, unless previously specifically authorized or subsequently ratified by such Diocese.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 39 was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania presented the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report to this House whether any further legislation or action is necessary or

desirable to render operative and effectual, within the jurisdiction of sister Churches, sentences duly and canonically passed in the Protestant Episcopal Church,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Maryland, from the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, to whom the motion of the Bishop of Missouri proposing an amendment of Article 9 of the Constitution was referred, respectfully report that in the present position of the subject of the proposed amendment in regard of several propositions now under discussion in both Houses of the Convention, it seems inopportune to complicate proceedings by raising identical questions in diverse forms.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

W. R. WHITTINGHAM.

On motion, the foregoing Report was laid on the table.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SEVENTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,

Monday, October 22, 1877.

The House met and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called; present as on Saturday, with the exception of the Bishop of Alabama and the Assistant Bishop of Maryland.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of New Hampshire read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on the Prayer Book respectfully report the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Committee created under the resolution communicated in Message No. 15 of the House of Deputies, have leave to sit during the recess of the General Convention.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.
JOHN F. YOUNG.
W. B. W. HOWE.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on the Prayer Book respectfully report the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That we hereby concur in the resolution communicated in Message No. 24 of the House of Deputies, appointing a Joint Committee on the Lectionary to sit during the recess of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of _____, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of _____, and the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of _____, be the committee on the part of this House to sit in Joint Committee on the Lectionary during the recess of the General Convention.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.
JOHN F. YOUNG.
W. B. W. HOWE.

On motion, by request of the committee, the above Report was laid on the table for the present.

The Bishop of Western New York, from the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on the Prayer Book instructed "to inquire and report to this House whether it is desirable to amend *The Order how Holy Scripture is appointed to be read* as proposed by the committee," to wit, the committee which has reported a Table of Lessons for Lent, respectfully report : —

That in their opinion it is desirable that the Table which said committee have so laboriously prepared under the instructions of this House should have a fair trial, more especially as the whole Church has apparently demanded such improvements, by so amending Article 8 of the Constitution as to permit such action. If this be not the purpose and intent for which such a complicated process was submitted to, as was necessary to effect this amendment of the Constitution, the committee are unable to interpret such action.

Your committee is further requested to report such action as seems proper to be taken in the circumstances.

They see but one possible course of action, and in the circumstances they feel bound to give the committee the benefit of the legislation of this Convention, reserving to themselves, however, the right of such individual action as may be according to personal convictions. They report the following resolutions : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That to "the Order how the rest of the Holy Scripture is appointed to be read," that is, immediately after the "Table of Lessons for December," be added the table which is herewith submitted. (See Appendix VI.)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this proposed amendment of the Book of Common Prayer be made known to the several Dioceses for their action, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the vote of a majority of all the Bishops is necessary to any decisive action in the premises, therefore, after these resolutions shall have been sufficiently debated, a set time shall be appointed, and due notice given thereof, at which time the final vote shall be taken without further debate.

Resolved, That this Report be made the Order of the Day for 3 o'clock on Monday, the twenty-second day of October.

A. CLEVELAND COXE.
JOHN F. YOUNG.
W. B. W. HOWE.

On motion, the fourth resolution, as reported, was adopted, and the Report made the Order of the Day for 3 o'clock to-day.

The Order of the Day was, on motion, postponed.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 31 from the House of Deputies, containing an amendment to Canon 2 of Title IV, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House concurs in the amendment to Canon 2 of Title IV, contained in Message No. 31 of the House of Deputies.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 22 from the House of Deputies, containing an amendment to Section ii of Canon 8 of Title I, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House concurs in the amendment of Section ii of Canon 8 of Title I, contained in Message No. 22 from the House of Deputies.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania moved the following amendment to the resolution as reported, viz. :—

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 22 of the House of Deputies relating to the period of probation of candidates, for the reason that the proposed change in the Canon involves a great and, in the judgment of this House, unwise change in the policy which has been hitherto observed both in the Church of England and in this Church with regard to the admission of persons recognized as ministers of other bodies of Christians to the Ministry of this Church, and because, further, the proposed amendment imposes undue restrictions upon the Bishops, which are at variance with the Rubrics in the Ordinal,

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 27 from the House of Deputies, recommending a repeal of Canon 4 of Title II, respectfully report that they are not prepared to recommend concurrence in such repeal, for the reason that while the Canon as it stands is open to serious objection, its entire repeal would remove from our Code provisions which have formed a part of it for more than seventy years. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House does not concur with the House of Deputies in the proposed repeal of Title II, Canon 4, for the reason that it is not prepared entirely to remove from the Canons provisions which have formed a part of our Code for more than seventy years. This House therefore asks for a Committee of Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 39 of the House of Deputies, touching a proposed amendment of Title III, Canon 8, respectfully report that having had the subject under consideration, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House does not concur in the proposed amendment of Title III, Canon 8, for the reason that the entire subject of Federate Councils and Provinces is in the hands of a Special Committee, with directions to report to the next General Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, touching the necessity of further legislation in order to make operative in sister Churches sentences pronounced upon Clergymen in our own Church, respectfully report that they find existing difficulties to relate chiefly to our relations with the Church in British North America, which difficulties have been in great measure removed by action taken at the late Provincial Synod in Montreal. They therefore recommend that no canonical action be taken, but that the following resolution be adopted : —

Resolved, That the Bishops of this Church will henceforth communicate all sentences of deposition and suspension to the Bishops of the Church in British North America, in the same form and manner as they are communicated to the Bishops of this Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 33, from the House of Deputies, touching a proposed amendment of Title II, Canon 5, respectfully report that having considered the said amendment, they find themselves unable to recommend concurrence in it, for the reasons that in some parts the wording does not seem sufficiently definite, and that the provisions touching moral character are not, in their view, sufficiently guarded. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions : —

Resolved, first, This House does not concur in the amendment to Title II, Canon 5, proposed in Message No. 33 from the House of Deputies, for the reason that in some parts the language of the proposed amendment is not sufficiently distinct, and that the provisions touching moral character are not sufficiently guarded.

Resolved, second, the House of Deputies concurring, That Title II, Canon 5, be amended to read as follows : —

CANON 5.

Of Renunciation of the Ministry.

§ i. If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the

Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to which he belongs, his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority to record the declaration so made; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, of any Bishop who, being requested by such Standing Committee, shall consent to act in the matter, to depose such person from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Clergymen that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry of this Church.

Provided, however, That, if the Bishop shall be satisfied that the person so declaring is not amenable for any canonical offence, and that his renunciation of the Ministry is not occasioned by foregoing misconduct or irregularity, but is voluntary and for causes assigned or known which do not affect his moral character, he shall so declare in pronouncing and recording said deposition, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so deposed; and he shall also give due notice of such deposition from the Ministry to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church, in the form in which the same is recorded.

§ ii. If the Ecclesiastical Authority shall have reason to believe that the person so declaring has acted hastily and unadvisedly, action on such declaration may be postponed for the space of not more than six months, during which time such person may withdraw his application.

§ iii. If the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom such declaration is made shall have ground to suppose that the person making the same is liable to presentment for any canonical offence, such person may, in the discretion of the said Ecclesiastical Authority, be put upon trial for such offence, notwithstanding such declaration of renunciation of the Ministry.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

On motion, the first resolution, as reported, was adopted.

On motion, the second resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the proposed Canon "Of Marriage with Relatives," the Bishop of Rhode Island moved the following amendment to the resolution offered by the Bishop of North Carolina, viz.:—

Resolved, That the resolution offered by the Bishop of North Carolina be amended by the omission from the Table of Nos. 17, 29, 30, in the first table, and Nos. 18, 29, and 30, in the second table.

The House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Michigan in the Chair.

The Presiding Bishop appointed the following as members on the part of this House of the Joint Committee on the Spanish Prayer Book, in place of the Bishops of Connecticut and New York:—

The Bishop of Illinois, the Bishop of Florida.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz.:—

MESSAGE No. 40.

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Committee on the proposed Revision of the Prayer Book in the German Language be continued until the next triennial meeting of the General Convention.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 40 of the House of Deputies.

The following Message was received, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 16th day of the Session,
October 20, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 41.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the committee to whom it has been referred to prepare a Report upon a Table of Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days, be authorized also to prepare and report a Table of Lessons for the whole Calendar, including the week days: *provided*, however, that this resolution shall not preclude the action of this House on the proposed Lectionary for Lent.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That three Laymen be added to the Committee on Lectionary.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed as Lay members of said committee, Mr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, Mr. Redfield, of Vermont, Mr. McWhorter, of Central New York.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the foregoing Message was laid on the table for the present.

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 42.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment proposed by them in their Message No. 13, to Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II [relating to the Restoration of Deposed Ministers], with the amendment that the said Section shall read as follows:—

§ ii. A Bishop of this Church may, for reasons which he shall deem sufficient, remit and terminate any sentence of deposition or degradation pronounced by him upon a Presbyter or Deacon; but he shall exercise this power only upon the following conditions:—

First. That he shall act with the unanimous advice and consent of his Standing Committee.

Second. That he shall first submit his proposed action, with his reasons therefor, to the judgment of five of the Bishops of this Church, whose Dioceses or Missionary Jurisdictions are nearest to his own, and shall receive in writing, from at least four of said Bishops, their approval of the said remission and their consent thereto.

Third. That before remitting such sentence he shall require the person to be restored to the Ministry to subscribe the declaration set forth in Article 7 of the Constitution.

Fourth. That in case such person was deposed for abandoning the Communion of this Church, or having been deposed by reason of his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, or for other cause, he have also abandoned its Communion, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be satisfied that such person has lived in lay-communion with this Church for three years next preceding his application for such remission, and

Fifth. That in case the person applying for such remission shall reside out of the Diocese or Missionary District in which he was deposed, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be furnished with written evidence of the approval of such application by the Bishop of the Diocese or District in which such person resides.

And that Section ii of Canon 6 of Title II is hereby amended so as to read as at present, omitting the second proviso.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 42 was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session'

MESSAGE No. 43.

October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution: —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs be continued.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed Mr. J. C. Garthwaite, of Northern New Jersey, in place of Mr. Hamilton Fish, on the committee to select a place for the meeting of the next General Convention.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 43 of the House of Deputies.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,

MESSAGE No. 44.

October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution: —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this Convention adjourn *sine die* on Wednesday evening next.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, this Message was referred to the Standing Committees on Despatch of Business and Unfinished Business, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

On motion of the Bishop of Long Island, it was

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following be appointed as members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Churches: The Rev. Wm. F. Morgan, D.D., the Rev. Robert S. Howland, D.D., Hon. Hamilton Fish, and Mr. L. R. Morton, in accordance with the provisions of Title III, Canon 5, Section iii, Subsection 7.

The Order of the Day being called, it was, on motion, postponed for the present.

The consideration of the resolution of the Bishop of North Carolina and the amendment of the Bishop of Rhode Island being resumed, the question being on the amendment, it was not adopted.

The question being on the original resolution, it was adopted, — ayes 24, nays 20.

On motion of the Bishop of Louisiana, the vote was reconsidered.

The question recurring on the original resolution of the Bishop of North Carolina, the Bishop of Louisiana offered the following amendment, viz. : —

Resolved, That upon the subject of prohibited degrees this House is not prepared to act in contravention of the judgment of the Church of England embodied in her canons as they have been maintained for three centuries.

The Bishop of Central Pennsylvania moved

That the foregoing amendment be divided before the word “embodied,” — which was lost.

The question being on the amendment of the Bishop of Louisiana, it was not adopted.

The Bishop of Long Island offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the subject of Marriage with Relatives be referred to a Joint Committee of five Bishops, three Presbyters, and two Laymen, with instructions to report to the next General Convention,

which was adopted.

The Bishop presiding appointed the following members of the Joint Committee on the part of this House on the subject of Marriage with Relatives : —

The Bishop of North Carolina, the Bishop of Rhode Island, the Bishop of Western New York, the Bishop of Long Island, and the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

The Bishop of Albany offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That Article I of the Constitution be referred to the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution to inquire into the propriety of changing the words the “first Wednesday in October” to read the “second Wednesday in November,”

which was adopted.

The Bishop of Rhode Island, from the Joint Committee appointed to recommend a place for the meeting of the next Convention, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Joint Committee on the next Place of holding the General Convention recommend the city of New York.

THOMAS M. CLARK.
WM. CROSWELL DOANE.
M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE.
MORGAN DIX.
WM. WELSH.
GEORGE H. GILL.
J. M. STANGER.
J. C. GARTHWAITE.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the Report of the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book in reference to a proposed Lectionary for Lent, the Bishop of Pennsylvania moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolutions reported by the committee, which was adopted.

The Bishop of North Carolina having called up Message No. 35 of the House of Deputies, amending the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary, it was

Resolved, That this House concur in Message No. 35 of the House of Deputies.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 45. BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has, by a constitutional majority of all the Dioceses, adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Lectionary lately put out by the Church of England be permitted to be used in this Church until the next General Convention.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 45 was referred to the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 46. BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has, by a constitutional majority of Dioceses in both Orders, adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That until the next General Convention any Clergyman be permitted to use, in place of the Table of Lessons appointed in the Calendar, those reported to this Convention by the Joint Committee on the Lectionary for Lent.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 46 was referred to the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 47. BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House does not concur with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Section i of Canon 2 of Title II, communicated to this House in Message No. 26 from the House of Bishops.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 48. BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That this House is unwilling, as now advised, to adopt the special legislation by which it is proposed to amend Canon 21 of Title I of the Digest, and believe that it is inexpedient to regulate by Canon, under the penalties of trial, the inculcation of Christian holiness and doctrine, to which the Clergy are sufficiently bound by the inspired word of God and the express obligations of their vows of Ordination; and, moreover, is of the opinion that the incorporation of the subject matter of the proposed Section ii, of Canon 21, as contained in Message No. 5, into the forthcoming Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops would meet the wishes and satisfy the needs of the Church, and, therefore, the House of Deputies does not concur in the said Message No. 5 of the House of Bishops.

Resolved, That this action be communicated to the House of Bishops, with the affectionate assurance on the part of the members of this body that we are prepared to listen with reverent and devout minds to the godly counsel and advice of our Reverend Fathers.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE NO. 49.

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it accedes to the request of the House of Bishops for a Committee of Conference, as expressed in Message No. 53 from said House, and has appointed as members of said committee, on the part of this House, the Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin; the Rev. Dr. Beers, of California; the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina; Mr. Wilder, of Minnesota; Mr. Wilson, of New Jersey.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On Motion of the Bishop of Montana, it was

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Canons be the Committee of Conference on the part of this House.

On motion of the Bishop of Western New York, it was ordered that the House meet at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

On motion of the Bishop of Long Island, it was ordered that the House meet also at 8 P. M. to-morrow.

On motion of the Bishop of Nebraska, it was

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the present Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and of Aged, Infirm, and Disabled Clergymen of this Church, be re-elected, viz., the Bishops of Delaware and Easton, the Rev. Drs. Potter and Dix, and Messrs. Stephen P. Nash, Wm. Alexander Smith, and Lloyd W. Wells.

On motion, the House adjourned.

EIGHTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,
Tuesday, October 23, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called ; present as yesterday, with the exception of the Bishop of North Carolina.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Central New York read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

On motion, the House went into Council.

The Council having risen, the House resumed its session.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Pastoral Letter was made the Order of the Day for this evening at 8 o'clock.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 17th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 50.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the city of New York be the place for the meeting of the next Triennial Convention.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 51.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 59 from the House of Bishops [relating to the reference of the subject of "Marriage with Relatives" to a Joint Committee].

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed as the members of the said Joint Committee, on the part of this House, —

The Rev. Dr. Coit, of New Hampshire, the Rev. Dr. Leeds, of Maryland, the Rev. Dr. Cady, of New York, Mr. Meads, of Albany, and Mr. Stark, of Connecticut.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 52.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 60 from the House of Bishops [relating to the appointment of a Standing Committee on Foreign Churches].

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 53.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the House of Bishops the Testimonials of the Rev. David Buel Knickerbacker, D.D., Missionary Bishop elect of New Mexico and Arizona, the said testimonials having been signed by a constitutional majority of this House, and in pursuance of an order thereof.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. :—

MESSAGE No. 54.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed the Rev. Joachim De Palma, the Rev. H. C. Riley, D.D., Mr. Henry Coppée, and Mr. Peter V. King, as members on the part of this House, to form the Joint Committee, for preparing an accurate translation of the Book of Common Prayer into the Spanish language.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Bishop of Michigan asked leave of absence, which was granted.

On motion of the Bishop of Nebraska, it was

Resolved, That the House of Bishops consents to the consecration of Rev. David B. Knickerbacker, D.D., Rector of Gethesemane Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Missionary Bishop elect of New Mexico and Arizona, and requests the Presiding Bishop to take the necessary measures for such consecration.

The Bishop of Montana, from the Standing Committee on Despatch of Business, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committees on Unfinished Business and Despatch of Business, to whom was referred Message 44 of the House of Deputies, proposing to adjourn *sine die* on Wednesday evening, October 24, beg leave to report, —

That in the House of Bishops only the general matters touching the Llectionary, and some unsubmitted Reports from the Standing Committees on Canons, on Foreign Missions, and on the Pastoral Letter, and consideration of the appointment of a Joint Committee to revise the Constitution of the Church, and of the Declaration of Conformity in Worship, and of the Canon on Conciliation, seem to be awaiting action. But that various matters sent from the House of Bishops to the House of Deputies seem not to have been acted upon; and moreover that the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church from the House of Deputies has not yet been sent up to the House of Bishops.

Therefore they propose to the House the following resolution for adoption :—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops nonconcur in the resolution of the House of Deputies contained in Message No. 44, for the reason that the amount of business lying between the two Houses does not seem to give reasonable expectation that it can be finished by the time proposed, and ask for a Committee of Conference.

DANL. S. TUTTLE,

C. F. ROBERTSON,

On behalf of the aforesaid Committees.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The Presiding Bishop appointed as members of such Committee of Conference on the part of this House, —

The Bishop of Ohio, the Bishop of Montana, and the Bishop of Iowa.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 42 from the House of Deputies, touching a proposed amendment in Title II, Canon 11, Section ii, and also an amendment of Title II of Canon 6, Section ii, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Deputies in the amendment proposed by them in their Message, No. 42, to Title II, Canon 11, Section ii.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Deputies in the amendment proposed by them in their Message No. 42, to Title II, Canon 6, Section ii.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The Bishop of Indiana moved, as an amendment to the first resolution as reported by the committee,

That for the words "three years," in the proposed amendment of Section ii, the words "one year" be substituted, as the period during which such deposed Minister shall have lived in lay-communion with this Church,

which was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, the vote was reconsidered.

The question recurring on the amendment, the Bishop of Indiana moved as a substitute for the amendment and the resolution:—

That this House does not concur in Message No. 42 of the House of Deputies, for the reason that it prefers the Canon as it now stands,

which was not adopted.

The question being on the first resolution as reported by the committee, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution as reported by the committee, it was adopted.

The Bishop of Rhode Island, from the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom were referred Messages No. 45 and 46 from the House of Deputies, with reference to the use of the Lessons, reported by the Joint Committee on the Lectionary for Lent, and also giving permission for the use of the Lectionary lately put out by the Church of England, until the next meeting of the General Convention, ask leave to report that they recommend the following resolutions for adoption by this House:—

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 45, as communicated from the House of Deputies.

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 46, as communicated from the House of Deputies.

THOMAS M. CLARK.
J. P. B. WILMER.

On motion, the foregoing resolutions were made the Order of the Day for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Bishop of Rhode Island, from the same committee, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Albany, offered on the 22d of October, and asking that Article 1 of the Constitution be so amended as to read "the second Wednesday in November," instead of "the first Wednesday in October," ask leave to report that they deem any action upon it at this time inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

THOMAS M. CLARK.
J. P. B. WILMER.

On motion, the committee was discharged.

The Bishop of Rhode Island, from the Commission on Church Unity, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Commission on Church Unity, to whom was referred a petition, asking that a letter may be addressed by the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to the Ministers and people of the different religious denominations of Christians in these States, respectfully report, that while they are in the most hearty sympathy with the spirit and prayer of the petitioners, they do not think that the issuing of such a letter would be expedient at the present time, but probably might tend to defeat its very object.

THOMAS M. CLARK.
A. CLEVELAND COXE.

On motion of the Bishop of Western Michigan, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be communicated to his Honor the Mayor of the city of Boston, and to the Directors of the Public Institutions, for the great pleasure and profit afforded to the members of this House by the excursion and visit to certain of the Reformatory Institutions of this city, on Friday last.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Standing Committee on Memorials, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Standing Committee on Memorials and Petitions, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Rev. W. F. Brand, asking for action of this House touching degrees of kindred within which marriage is forbidden, report : —

That, the subject matter of this memorial having already had the consideration of the House of Bishops, your committee be discharged from the same.

For the Committee,

ALFRED LEE, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged.

On motion of the Bishop of Missouri, it was

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Deputation, consisting of two Bishops, two Presbyters, and two Laymen, be appointed to attend the next Provincial Synod of Canada, to bear the greetings of this Church, and to promote the joint interests of the two Churches, the Presiding Bishop being allowed to fill all vacancies in the Deputation occurring after its appointment.

The Bishop presiding appointed as such committee on the part of this House : —

The Bishop of New York, and the Bishop of Louisiana.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Committee appointed to prepare and report Forms of Letters of Consecration, etc., asked that the committee be continued and reconstituted.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, it was

Resolved, That the committee be reconstituted, with the Bishop of Connecticut as Chairman, and the addition of two other members.

The Bishop presiding appointed as such committee : —

The Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Long Island, the Bishop of Albany.

The hour for recess having arrived, the House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Delaware in the Chair.

The Bishop of Iowa, from the Committee of Conference on the time of adjournment, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the question of a disagreement between the two Houses as to the time of adjournment, respectfully report the following joint resolution : —

Resolved, That the two Houses meet in Trinity Church on Wednesday evening, October 24, at 7.30 o'clock, to listen to the reading of the Pastoral Letter, and that at the closes of the services the two Houses resume their sittings, and the Convention finally adjourn at 12 M. on Thursday, October 25.

G. T. BEDELL, BISHOP OF OHIO, *Chairman*.

D. J. TUTTLE, BISHOP OF MONTANA.

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, BISHOP OF IOWA.

H. W. BEERS.

GEO. C. PENNELL.

THOS. C. MONTGOMERY.

On motion, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

On motion, the Order of the Day was postponed until 3 o'clock.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform, presented a Report.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform be continued.

Resolved, That the Report now presented be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

(See Appendix VIII.)

The Order of the Day being called, which was the Report of the Standing Committee on Amendments of the Constitution in relation to the Lectionaries, and the question being on the first resolution, the Bishop of Easton moved as a substitute for the resolution as reported by the committee,

That the House of Bishops does not concur in the action proposed in Message No. 45, for the reason that they believe the committee appointed to sit during the

recess should first examine and report upon the Lectionary of the English Church and its adaptation to the use of this Church,

which was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, as reported by the committee, it was adopted.

Message No. 24 of the House of Deputies having been called, on motion of the Bishop of Easton, it was

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 24 of the House of Deputies, appointing a Joint Committee on the Lectionary to sit during the recess.

The Bishop presiding appointed as such committee on the part of this House : —

The Bishop of Easton, the Bishop of Western New York, the Bishop of Central New York, the Bishop of New Hampshire, and the Bishop of Western Michigan.

Message No. 41 having been called up, the Bishop of Easton offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concurs in the action proposed in Message No. 41 of the House of Deputies, but with amendments so that it shall read as follows : —

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Committee on the Lectionary, authorized to sit during the recess of the Convention, be requested to examine the new Lectionary of the English Church and to report to the next General Convention whether it is expedient to authorize the use of the said Lectionary, with or without changes, in this Church,

which was adopted.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE NO. 55.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the view of the state of the Church, here presented, be transmitted to the House of Bishops, asking their prayers and blessing, and requesting them to prepare and cause to be published a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 55, with the accompanying Report, was referred to the Committee on the Pastoral Letter.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE NO. 56.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 61 from the House of Bishops, in the re-election of the present Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and of Aged, Infirm, and Disabled Clergymen of this Church.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE NO. 57.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed as members of the Committee of Conference asked for in Message No. 64 from the House of Bishops, The Rev. Dr. Beers, of California; the Rev. Dr. Pennell, of Albany; and Mr. Montgomery, of Western New York.

Attest: CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE NO. 58.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 22, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has chosen the following persons, nominated by the Committee of Conference, as a Joint Committee on the subject of the Godly Discipline of the Laity: The Bishop of Delaware, the Bishop of Easton, the Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Rev. Meyer Lewin, D.D., the Rev. D. R. Goodwin, D.D., the Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., Mr. F. W. Brune, Mr. Henry Coppée, and Mr. R. S. Conover.

Attest: CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Bishop of Easton, from the Committee of Conference appointed to nominate a Joint Committee on the subject of the Godly Discipline of the Laity, reported that the committee recommended the appointment of the Bishops of Delaware, Easton, and Pittsburgh, as members on the part of this House of the Joint Committee.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The Bishop of Easton, from the Joint Committee on Christian Education, presented a Report, with the following resolutions appended, viz. : —

Resolved, That it is the solemn conviction of this General Convention in both Houses that the Holy Bible should be retained in our common schools, and that it is the duty of the Clergy and Laity of the Church to take, so far as the opportunity is afforded them, an active interest in the education provided by the State, with the purpose of infusing into it as much of religious influence and instruction as possible, to supplement it with such instruction elsewhere, and to add proper Church schools for the whole work, wherever they are needed and the means for their support can be commanded.

Resolved, That, with the concurrence of the House of Deputies, a Joint Committee, consisting of one Bishop, one Presbyter, and one Layman, be appointed to consider this whole matter during the recess, to collate facts and prepare suggestions for the next General Convention, and to promote, by any means deemed advisable, the general work of Christian education.

The Bishop of Indiana, from the Joint Committee on Expenses, presented a Report, with accompanying resolutions. (For the Report, see eighteenth day's proceedings of the House of Deputies.)

The House took a recess until 8 o'clock.

The House met after recess, the Bishop of Delaware in the Chair.

On motion of the Bishop of Iowa, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report whether the words "opened for Divine Service or" should not be inserted between the words "shall be" and the word "consecrated" in the first line of Title I, Canon 24, Section i, "Of the Consecration of Churches."

The following Message was received from the House of Deputies, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 59.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the Report of the Joint Committee on ■ day of final adjournment, fixing 7.30 P. M., on Wednesday as the time, and Trinity Church as the place, for reading the Pastoral Letter, and 12 M., Thursday, as the time of the adjournment *sine die* of both Houses of the General Convention.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 60.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section i of Canon 8 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

§ i. A candidate for Priest's Orders who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister or licentiate, or as a candidate for the ministry of any other denomination of Christians, may be allowed, as part of the duration of his Candidateship, by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, the period during which he may have been a minister, student of theology, or candidate in such other denomination; *provided*, that the time so allowed shall not exceed two years.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That ■ Joint Committee to consist of three Bishops, three Clergymen, and three Laymen, be appointed to consider the whole subject of the admission of ministers of other Christian bodies into the Ministry of this Church, such committee to report to the General Convention of 1880.

The House of Deputies has appointed as such committee on the part of this House, the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York, the Rev. Dr. Drowne, of Long Island, Mr. Baldwin, of Michigan, Mr. Garthwaite, of Northern New Jersey, and Mr. Nash, of New York.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved (1), That this House concurs in the second resolution of Message No. 60 from the House of Deputies, appointing a Joint Committee on the subject of the admission of ministers of other Christian bodies.

Resolved (2), That this House does not concur in the first resolution communicated in Message 60 from the House of Deputies, proposing an amendment to Section i of Canon 8 of Title I, for the reason that it is matter which would appropriately be referred to the Joint Committee provided by the second resolution of Message No. 60, to which committee this House, the House of Deputies concurring, hereby refers it.

The Bishop presiding appointed as members of such Joint Committee on the part of this House, —

The Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Long Island.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 61.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Canon 5 of Title II [of Renunciation of the Ministry], communicated by them in their Message No. 55.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 62.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the House of Deputies asks a Committee of Conference with the House of Bishops on that part of Message No. 53 from the House of Bishops, non-concurring in Message No. 22 from this House (relating to time when a candidate for Priesthood may be ordained) ; and that the Committee on Canons be the Committee of Conference on the part of this House.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, it was

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 62 of the House of Deputies, and appoints its Standing Committee on Canons to be the Committee of Conference on the part of this House.

On the motion of the Bishop of Northern New Jersey, it was

Resolved, That the House of Bishops returns its cordial thanks to the Bishop of Massachusetts, to the Clergy and Laity of the city of Boston, and especially to the Rector and Vestry of Trinity Church, for the generous provision made for the accommodation and comfort of this House during the session of the General Convention.

The Bishop of Ohio, from the Committee on the Pastoral Letter, submitted a draft of a Pastoral Letter.

The Bishop of Maryland offered the following resolution, viz. : —

Resolved, That the draft of a Pastoral Letter now submitted be adopted by this House, with such emendations as it may see fit to make on the suggestion of members of this House,

which was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the House go into Council immediately after the opening service to-morrow.

On motion, the House adjourned, to meet at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

NINETEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BOSTON,
Wednesday, October 24, 1877.

The House met, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called; present as yesterday, with the exception of the Bishops of Michigan, Northern New Jersey, Texas, and Western Texas.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Albany read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The following Messages were received, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 63.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 66 from the House of Bishops, appointing a deputation, consisting of two Bishops, two Presbyters, and two Laymen, to attend the next Provincial Synod of Canada, to bear the greetings of this Church and to promote the joint interests of the two Churches, the Presiding Bishop being allowed to fill all vacancies in the deputation occurring after its appointment. And the House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed as members of such deputation on its own part, the Rev. Alexander Burgess, D.D., of Massachusetts; the Rev. Edward Ingersoll, D.D., of Western New York; the Hon. L. Bradford Prince, of Long Island; the Hon. John W. Andrews, of Southern Ohio.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 64.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House concurs in the amendment of Section i of Canon 10 of Title I, communicated by the House of Bishops in their Message No. 24, with the amendment that the following be substituted for the first sentence of the proposed Section :—

§ i. No Clergyman but those canonically resident in some Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church shall be permitted to officiate in any Parish or Congregation unless he shall have been licensed so to officiate by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. Such license shall not be granted by the ecclesiastical authority, but upon a letter commendatory from some Bishop in communion with this Church, or other satisfactory evidence of his being in Holy Orders, and of his good character. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to forbid the officiating by any Minister belonging to a Church in communion with this Church, who is personally known as such to the Minister, Churchwarden, or other officer of the Church where he so officiates, and who not having actually been within the limits of the Diocese more than thirty days, has been unable to obtain the required license.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion Message No. 64 was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

BOSTON, MASS., 18th day of the Session,
October 23, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 65.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions reported by the Joint Committee on Expenses:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to open a ledger account with the various Dioceses, and so keep the books of his office that the yearly payments or arrearages of the various Dioceses may be clearly seen.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Perry and the Rev. Dr. Potter, Secretaries of the last Houses of Convention, the appropriations previously paid to them for their services at the last General Convention and during the recess, to wit, to the Secretary of the last House of Deputies \$1,000, and to the Secretary of the last House of Bishops \$250; and that he be further instructed to pay to the present Secretary of the House of Deputies \$500 for the first year of the present Conventional period, and \$250 each for the two succeeding years, being in full up to the next General Convention; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops \$150 for the first, and \$50 for the two following years as aforesaid; and that the Treasurer be further instructed to honour drafts of the Registrar of the Convention for the expenses of his office not exceeding \$100 in each year.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be instructed to print one thousand five hundred copies of the Journal and Digest, of which two hundred shall be provided for Bishops and Churches abroad, the same number for institutions of learning; and one hundred shall be reserved for the use of the next Convention, and a copy shall be supplied to each Bishop of the Church, and one to each Standing Committee, and to each Deputy to the General Convention; and five hundred shall be offered for sale.

Resolved, That three thousand five hundred copies of the Digest be printed separately to be supplied one copy to each Bishop and Clergyman of the Church, and one to each Secretary of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses.

Resolved, That at the next General Convention the sum of \$2.50 per diem be allowed to each Clerical Deputy in attendance who has actually incurred this expense in his entertainment while performing his duty as a Deputy.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the two Houses and the Treasurer be appointed a committee to devise a suitable method of keeping the books and accounts of the General Convention, with a view to proper methods of auditing, and to a permanent preservation of our financial records and accounts.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 66.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 9 of Title III is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

CANON 9.

Of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

§ i. The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows:—

Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as established in 1820, and since amended at various Times.

ARTICLE I. This institution shall be denominated the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

ARTICLE III. There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church, and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of this Church, Bishops and Deputies sitting apart as in General Convention, or together when they shall so decide. The Board of Missions thus constituted shall convene on the third day of the session of the General Convention, and shall sit from time to time as the business of the Board shall demand.

ARTICLE IV. There shall be a Board of Managers, comprising all the Bishops as members *ex officio*, and fifteen Presbyters and fifteen Laymen, to be appointed by the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, who shall have the management of the General Missions of this Church, and shall remain in office until their successors are chosen, and shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number. Eight Clerical members and eight Lay members shall constitute a quorum. This Board of Managers shall, during the recess of the Convention, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The Board of Managers shall report to the General Convention, constituted as a Board of Missions, on or before the third day of the session of the General Convention. But nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any surviving life members of the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE V. The Board of Managers is authorized to form, from its own members, a Committee for Domestic Missions and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other committees as it may deem desirable to promote special missionary work, and is also authorized to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Managers is intrusted with power to establish and regulate such Missions as are not placed under Episcopal supervision, and to enact all by-laws which it may deem necessary for its own government and for the government of its committees. *Provided always*, That in relation to organized Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, having Bishops, the appropriations shall be made in gross to such Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, to be disbursed by the local authorities thereof. The Board shall notify to the several Bishops the gross sums so appropriated; and those Bishops shall regulate the number of Missionary stations, appoint the Missionaries, and assign to them their stipends, with the approval of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII. No person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not, at the time, a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of regular standing; but nothing in this section precludes the committees from making pecuniary appropriations in aid of Missions under the care of other Churches in communion with this Church, or of employing Laymen or women, members of this Church, to do Missionary work.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers is authorized to promote the formation of auxiliary Missionary associations, whose contributions, as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid in accordance with the wish of the donors when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public Missionary meetings to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all auxiliaries approved by the Board of Managers may send one Clerical and one Lay delegate.

ARTICLE IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the General Convention of this Church.

§ ii. All Canons, and all action by or under the authority of the General Convention, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon and of such amended Constitution, are hereby repealed. *Provided, however*, That nothing herein shall in any manner impair or affect any corporate rights of said Society or any vested right whatever.

§ iii. This Canon shall take effect immediately.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Niobrara, the consideration of Message No. 66 was postponed for half an hour.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.
MESSAGE No. 67.
The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a committee consisting of Messrs. George F. Comstock, Thomas C. Montgomery, and Lyman Tremain, be, and they are hereby, authorized to procure from the Legislature of the State of New York such further legislation in the premises, connected with Canon 9, Title III (relating to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society), as they may deem expedient.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.
MESSAGE No. 68.
The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the existing Mission Committees, Bureaus, and Commissions of the Board of Missions be continued until the organization of the Board of Managers elected at this Convention, and such Managers shall have made other provision for such existing organizations.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Board of Managers elected at this Convention shall meet, for the purpose of organization and other business, on the thirtieth day of October, 1877, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Mission Rooms, Bible House, in the city of New York, and that the Secretary of the House of Deputies notify the members accordingly.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution of the Bishop of Iowa, touching a proposed amendment of Title I, Canon 24, Section i, respectfully report that, considering the late period of the session at which the matter was referred to them, and the many and grave legal questions involved in the proposed amendment, they are not prepared to recommend any action by this Convention, and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the committee was discharged accordingly.

On motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the majority and minority of the Committee on Suffragan Bishops be printed in the Appendix of the Journal, and that the committee be discharged.

The Bishop of Connecticut, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Canons, asked leave to sit during the sessions of this House, which was granted.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Committee of Conference, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee of Conference on the non-concurrence of the two Houses in

reference to the repeal of Title II, Canon 4, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Title II, Canon 4, be amended to read as follows:—

TITLE II, CANON 4.

Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations, and of the Dissolution of a Pastoral Connection.

§ i. A Rector canonically elected and in charge, or an Instituted Minister, may not resign his Parish without the consent of the said Parish or its Vestry (if the Vestry be authorized to act in the premises); nor may such Rector or Minister be removed therefrom by said Parish or Vestry against his will, except as is hereinafter provided.

§ ii. In case any urgent reason or reasons should occasion a wish in a Rector or Minister as aforesaid, or in the Parish committed to his charge, to bring about a separation and a dissolution of all pastoral relation between such Minister and Parish, and the parties be not agreed in respect of such separation and dissolution, notice of such desire and disagreement may be given by either party to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction in writing. And in case of any difference between the Minister and Parish or Vestry as aforesaid, which may not be satisfactorily settled by the godly judgment of the Bishop alone, or which he may decline to consider without counsel, the Bishop (or if the Diocese be vacant, any Bishop selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority), acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, or with that of the Presbyters only of said Standing Committee (if both parties shall assent to such limitation in writing), shall be the ultimate arbiter and judge. And refusal to accept and comply with the arbitration and judgment on the part of the Minister aforesaid shall not work a continuance of lawful and canonical Rectorship or settlement, beyond the date fixed conditionally or otherwise for its termination, by such arbitration and judgment, should such termination be recommended and required; but such pastoral connection shall, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, cease and terminate as therein required. But such refusal shall subject the Minister so refusing to inhibition by the Bishop aforesaid from all ministerial offices and functions within the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction. And such refusal on the part of a Parish shall disqualify it from representation in the Convention of the Diocese, until it shall have been declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority, to have given satisfactory guarantees for the acceptance of and compliance with the arbitration and judgment.

§ iii. In case of the regular and canonical dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his congregation, the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his congregation be not regular or canonical, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall lay the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above-mentioned penalties may take effect.

§ iv. This Canon shall not be in force in any Diocese which has made or shall hereafter make provision by Canon upon this subject, nor in any Diocese with whose Laws or Charters it may interfere.

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman,*
on the part of the House of Bishops.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, the resolution, as reported, was adopted.

The House went into Council.

The Council having risen, the House resumed its session.

The consideration of Message No. 66 being resumed, relating to

the Board of Missions, the Bishop of Maryland offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That this House do not concur, for the reason that a measure of such grave importance would require more time for discussion than is now at the disposal of this Convention.

On motion, the resolution of the Bishop of Maryland was made the Order of the Day for 2 P. M., to-day.

The Report of the Joint Committee on Christian Education being taken up, on motion of the Bishop of Easton the first resolution was adopted.

The second resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Bishop of Pittsburgh was appointed a member of such Joint Committee on the part of this House.

The following Message was received, viz. :—

Boston, Mass., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 69.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the House of Deputies asks for a Committee of Conference to take into consideration the matter relating to the use of the Lectionary of the English Church, contained in Message No. 68 from the House of Bishops.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed as such committee, on the part of this House, the Rev. Dr. Seymour, the Rev. Dr. Hare, the Rev. Dr. Girault, Mr. R. C. Winthrop, and Mr. McCrady.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House agreed to the appointment of the Committee of Conference requested in Message No. 69 of the House of Deputies, and the Presiding Bishop appointed as such committee, on the part of this House,

The Bishop of Easton, the Bishop of Maine, and the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky.

The Bishop of Niobrara, from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, returned the papers relating to Church work in Cuba, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of the Bishop of Niobrara, it was

Resolved, That the papers in the matter of the Rev. Mr. Kenney's work in Cuba be withdrawn from the files of the House and referred to the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions, and that the Foreign Committee be requested to consider the propriety of taking the Mission to Cuba under their charge.

On motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh, the vote on the first resolution reported by the Joint Committee on Christian Education was reconsidered.

The House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess, the Bishop of Delaware in the Chair.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, leave was given to the Committee of Conference on the Lectionary to sit during the sessions of the House.

The Presiding Bishop appointed as a member of the Joint Committee on the Provincial System, in place of the Bishop of Texas, resigned, the Bishop of Albany.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 70.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section v of Canon 1 of Title III is hereby amended so as to read as follows : —

§ v. In order that the contingent expenses of the General Convention may be defrayed, it shall be the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, on or before the first day of October in each year, the sum of two dollars for each Clergyman within such Diocese.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 70, for the reason that, in the opinion of the House of Bishops, the canonical provision already existing is sufficient.

Message No. 65 being called from the table, it was, on motion of the Bishop of Pittsburgh,

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 65, with the exception of the fifth resolution, relating to the allowance per diem to each Deputy.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 71.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That it be referred to the Joint Committee on the Functions of Rectors, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen, to consider and report to the next General Convention what is the law of the Church in relation to the constitution of Vestries and the qualifications for membership therein ; and that they also report what legislation, if any, in their opinion, is necessary and desirable on the subject.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 71 of the House of Deputies.

The following Message was received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 72.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurs with the House of Bishops in the substitute for the present Canon 13 of Title II, with the amendment that the said Canon read as follows:—

CANON 13.

Of Marriage and Divorce.

§ i. If any persons be joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

§ ii. No Minister shall knowingly, after due inquiry, solemnize the marriage of any person who has a divorced husband or wife still living, if such husband or wife has been put away for any cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again.

§ iii. If any Minister of this Church shall have reasonable cause to doubt whether a person desirous of being admitted to Holy Baptism, or to Confirmation, or to the Holy Communion, has been married otherwise than as the Word of God and discipline of this Church allow, such Minister, before receiving such person to these ordinances, shall refer the case to the Bishop for his godly judgment thereupon: *provided*, however, that no Minister shall in any case refuse the Sacraments to a penitent person in imminent danger of death.

§ iv. Questions touching the facts of any case arising under Section ii of this Canon shall be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction in which the same may occur, or if there be no Bishop of such Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, then to some Bishop to be designated by the Standing Committee; and the Bishop to whom such questions have been so referred, shall thereupon make inquiry in such manner as he shall deem expedient, and shall deliver his judgment in the premises.

§ v. This Canon, so far as it affixes penalties, does not apply to cases occurring before it takes effect, according to Canon 4, Title IV.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, Message No. 72 was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz.:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 72 of the House of Deputies, containing amendments to the Canon of Divorce proposed in Message No. 30 from this House to the House of Deputies, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this House does not concur with the amendments to Title II, Canon 13, proposed in Message No. 72 from the House of Deputies, for the reason that great principles agreed upon after full discussion by this House are not contained in the Canon as amended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For and in behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

The undersigned, while presenting as Chairman of the Committee on Canons the above Report, respectfully records his dissent from the same, and recommends that this House concurs with the amendments of the House of Deputies.

J. WILLIAMS.

On motion, the resolution as reported by the committee was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, it was

Resolved, That this House asks for a Committee of Conference on Message 72.

The Bishop presiding appointed as such committee on the part of this House, —

The Bishop of Ohio and the Bishop of Albany.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Standing Committee on Canons, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred Message No. 64 from the House of Deputies touching a proposed amendment of Title I, Canon 10, Section i, concerning Ministers ordained in foreign countries, etc., respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House does not concur in the proposed amendment to Title I, Canon 10, Section i, for the reasons that, in their opinion, it does not sufficiently provide against the intrusion of unworthy and immoral persons into Dioceses of this Church, and that it omits the provision which this House considers essential for the signing by any Clergyman proposing to become a Minister of this Church, of the declaration contained in Article 7 of the Constitution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the resolution as reported by the committee was adopted.

The Order of the Day being called, which was the consideration of the Bishop of Maryland's amendment to the resolution contained in Message No. 66 of the House of Deputies, in the Constitution of the Board of Missions, and a vote by ayes and nays being called for, —

The Bishops of Maryland, New York, Minnesota, Indiana, Nebraska, Pittsburgh, Montana, Oregon, Long Island, Arkansas, Colorado, and Northern Texas voted aye (12); and the Bishops of Delaware, Connecticut, California, Rhode Island, Ohio, Easton, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Maine, Florida, Virginia, Missouri, Albany, Central New York, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Central Pennsylvania, Niobrara, Massachusetts, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, Bishop of Wisconsin, Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, Bishops of New Jersey, Western Michigan, Southern Ohio, Illinois, Fond du Lac, and Iowa voted nay (28),

whereupon the motion to amend was declared to be not adopted.

The question being on concurrence in Message No. 66, it was voted that this House do concur.

The Bishop of Easton, from the Committee of Conference on Message No. 35, presented the following Report, viz. : —

The Committee of Conference on the part of this House, appointed to meet a Committee of the House of Deputies, touching the non-concurrence of this House in Message No. 45, authorizing the use of the English Lectionary in this Church, begs leave to report : —

That in view of the very general desire expressed for liberty to make experiment of the English Lectionary, and of the indisposition of many of the Bishops to refuse this liberty, the committee recommends that this House recede from its previous action.

They submit the following resolution : —

Resolved, That this House recedes from its previous action in the matter of

Message No. 45, touching the use in this Church of the English Lectionary until the next General Convention, and that it does now concur in the resolution communicated in said Message No. 45.

For the Committee,

HENRY C. LAY.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted,—ayes 23, nays 10.

The Bishop of Easton offered the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That this House concurs in Message No. 45 of the House of Deputies, authorizing the use of the English Lectionary for three years,

which was adopted by a majority of all the Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops.

On motion, the Bishop of Western New York was granted leave of absence to-day.

The Bishop of Maryland, from the Commission on Correspondence with the Hierarchy of the Holy Eastern Churches, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Commission of the House of Bishops on Correspondence with the Hierarchy of the Holy Eastern Churches, beg leave to report :—

That copies of the first three resolutions adopted by the General Convention, Nov. , 1874, on receiving the Report of the Russo-Greek Committee, of the preamble and resolution in reference to the same matter, adopted by the House of Bishops in council, and of a letter from the Commission, were engrossed on parchment, in the original English, and in a Greek translation, each copy of the letter being signed and sealed by all the members of the Commission, and sent to the Patriarchs of Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem ; to the Holy Synod of the Church of Russia, and to the Metropolitan of Athens. With these were also sent copies of the Journal of the General Convention for 1874, and a letter from the clerk of the Commission, notifying of the sending of the same.

Courteous acknowledgments have been received by the clerk from the Patriarchs of Alexandria and of Antioch, but from no others up to the present time. At this we are not surprised, as there were several months of unavoidable delay in the preparation of the letters for signature, and while the signatures were in process of execution, the Bishop of Long Island's departure for Europe, on the visitation of our Churches on the Continent, caused a still further delay of a year, before the signatures and seals of all the members of the Commission could be had, as the indispensable prerequisite for the transmission of the letters. Under these circumstances the Commission respectfully ask to be continued.

W. R. WHITINGHAM,

Bishop of Maryland.

JOHN F. YOUNG,

Bishop of Florida.

A. N. LITTLEJOHN,

Bishop of Long Island.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission on Correspondence with the Hierarchy of Eastern Churches be continued.

The Bishop of Central New York, from the Joint Committee on

the Force of Joint Resolutions, presented a Report. (For the Report, see sixteenth day's proceedings of the House of Deputies.)

On motion, the Report was laid on the table for the present.

The Report of the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, in relation to the Shortened Services, having been called up, the Bishop of Pennsylvania moved that the resolution as reported be laid on the table, which was not adopted. On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Messages 67 and 68 of the House of Deputies being called up, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this House concur in Message No. 67 of the House of Deputies.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this House concur in Message No. 68 of the House of Deputies.

On motion, it was voted that the House adjourn, to meet immediately after Divine Service this evening.

The House adjourned accordingly.

The House assembled after recess, and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies in Trinity Church, at which time the Pastoral Letter was read by the Presiding Bishop, after which the Bishop of Delaware took the Chair.

The Bishop of Albany, from the Committee of Conference on Message 72 of the House of Deputies, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee of Conference on the part of the House of Bishops, to confer about the amendments proposed in the House of Deputies to Canon 13 of Title II, beg leave to report the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House concur with the House of Deputies in Canon 13, Title II, as reported in Message No. 72 from the House of Deputies, for the following reasons :—

1. That in the judgment of the members of the Committee from the House of Deputies, it would be difficult to pass the Canon again, with any amendments, through the House of Deputies

2. That the words "the Discipline of this Church" were explained (and the Canon was passed under the explanation) to mean, (1) this Canon 13; (2) the Rubric in the Office for solemnizing Holy Matrimony; and (3) any other law already or hereafter to be enacted upon this subject; and

3. That the words "no Minister shall refuse," etc., "to a penitent person in imminent danger of death," do not prevent a Clergyman, under advice of the Ordinary, from administering the Sacraments to any person truly penitent, even if the person be not in any danger of death.

For these reasons, and for the further reason that this Canon recognizes in very definite language the exercise by a Bishop of his inherent right of final decision as *juxta ordinarius*, the committee recommends concurrence with the House of Deputies.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE.
G. T. BEDELL.

On motion, the resolution as reported was adopted.

The following Messages were received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 73.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Committee to report a version of the Book of Common Prayer in the French Language, appointed in 1868, continued in 1871 and in 1874, be continued.

Resolved, That the committee is hereby respectfully requested to report to the General Convention of 1880.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message 73, and the Bishops of Louisiana, New York, and Missouri were appointed on the part of this House.

MESSAGE No. 74.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed on the part of this House, to serve on the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform : —

The Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck, D.D., the Rev. George Leeds, D.D., the Rev. Thomas F. Davies, D.D., the Rev. John Fulton, D.D., the Rev. Charles R. Hale, S.T.D., Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, LL.D., Mr. Cambridge Livingston, Mr. Robert M. Mason, Mr. John A. King, Mr. Edward H. Wright.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the following were appointed members of the same committee on the part of this House, viz. : —

The Bishops of Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Western New York, Long Island, and Central New York.

MESSAGE No. 75.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 75 from the House of Bishops [relating to Differences between Ministers and Congregations].

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 76.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed, in accordance with Canon 2 of Title IV, the Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., and the Rev. Francis Harison, D.D., to act in connection with two of the Committee on Canons of the House of Bishops, to certify the changes made in the Canons, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Bishop presiding appointed on the part of this House : —

The Bishops of Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

MESSAGE No. 77.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed, on the part of this House, to serve as members of the Joint Committee to report a version of the Book of Common Prayer in the French Language, appointed

in 1868, the Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., the Rev. Clinton Locke, D.D., the Rev. G. C. Pennell, S.T.D., Mr. Edward H. Perkins, and Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Chairman*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,

October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 78.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it accedes to the request of the House of Bishops, contained in their Message No. 76, asking for a Committee of Conference [relating to Amendments to Title II, Canon 13, of Marriage and Divorce]. And the House of Deputies appoints as such Committee of Conference on the part of this House, the Rev. Dr. Fulton, of Wisconsin, the Rev. Dr. Watson, of North Carolina, Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia, and Mr. Brune of Maryland.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,

October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 79.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following Order concerning Divine Service, to be inserted in the Book of Common Prayer immediately after "The Order how the rest of Holy Scripture is appointed to be read," be proposed and made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, in order that it may be adopted in the next General Convention, according to Article 8 of the Constitution.

THE ORDER CONCERNING DIVINE SERVICE.

On days other than Sunday, Christmas Day, The Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day, and the Ascension Day, it shall suffice if the Minister begin Morning or Evening Prayer at the General Confession or at the Lord's Prayer, and end with the Collect for Grace or for Aid against Perils, as the case may be, and 2 Cor. xiii, 14; using so much of the Lessons appointed for the day, and so much of the Psalter, as he shall judge to be for edification.

And note that, on any day, the Morning Prayer, the Litany or the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion may be used as separate Services. *Provided*, That no one of these Services shall be habitually disused.

And note further that on any day when the Morning or Evening Prayer has been already used, or is to be used, and upon days other than those first aforementioned, it shall suffice, when need may require, if the Minister say before a Sermon or Lecture the Lord's Prayer, and one or more Collects found in this Book.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That this House non-concur in Message No. 79 for the reason that the subject matter has already been partly provided for by action of this House, and for the further reason that it is impossible at this late stage of the session to give to so grave a proposition the consideration it demands.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,

October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 80.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has failed to concur in Message No. 21 from the House of Bishops [relating to "Deaconesses and Sisters"].

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,

October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 81.

The House of Deputies, sitting as a Board of Missions, informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolutions :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee of two Bishops, two Presbyters, and two Laymen be appointed to select and nominate to the respective Houses, the Board of Managers of the Board of Missions.

Resolved, That this committee on the part of this House consist of the Rev. Dr. Hanckel, of Virginia, the Rev. Dr. Beach, of New York, Mr. Henry E. Pierrepont, of Long Island, Mr. T. P. I. Goddard, of Rhode Island.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,

Secretary of the House of Deputies, sitting as a Board of Missions.

On motion, the House, acting under Article 3 of Section i of Canon 7, Title III, concurred in Message No. 81, and appointed as such committee, on the part of this House, the Bishops of Ohio, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania.

On motion, the Bishop of Albany was added to the committee.

The Report of the Joint Committee on Christian Education being called up, the Bishop of Easton moved the adoption of the first resolution.

The Bishop of Kansas moved the following as a substitute, viz. : —

Resolved, That it is the solemn conviction of this General Convention in both Houses, that it is the duty of the Clergy and Laity of the Church to take, so far as the opportunity is afforded them, an active interest in the public schools provided by the State, with the purpose of extending the important benefits of a secular education to all our citizens, and of diffusing side by side with these, as much of religious influence and instruction as possible; to supplement them with thorough Christian teaching elsewhere, and to add proper Church schools and institutions for the whole and more complete work of education, wherever they are needed, and the means for their support can be commanded,

which was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, the Commission on Correspondence with the Bishop and Synod of the old Catholic Communion in Germany and Switzerland was reappointed, to wit, the Bishops of Maryland, Pittsburgh, and Albany.

On motion of the Bishop of Long Island, it was

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That it be referred to a Joint Committee of three Bishops, and three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, to inquire and report to the next General Convention what legislation may be necessary or expedient for the due authorization and regulation of women working in this Church, under the name of Deaconess or the name of Sister.

The Bishop presiding appointed as members of such Joint Committee on the part of this House, the Bishops of Alabama, Long Island, and Central Pennsylvania.

The Bishop of Indiana moved that when this House adjourns it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock.

The Bishop of Pittsburgh moved as an amendment that the House meet at 10 A. M. to-morrow, which was adopted.

On motion, the House adjourned.

TWENTIETH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY CHURCH, BOSTON,

Thursday, October 25, 1877.

The House met and attended Divine Service with the House of Deputies, after which the Presiding Bishop took the Chair.

The roll was called; present the Bishops of Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware, Connecticut, California, New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Easton, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Pittsburgh, Montana, Florida, Vermont, Missouri, Oregon, Albany, Central New York, Arkansas, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Central Pennsylvania, Niobrara, Massachusetts, Assistant of North Carolina, Colorado, Wisconsin, Northern Texas, Assistant of Kentucky, Western Michigan, Illinois, Fond du Lac, and Iowa.

The House being bidden to prayer, the Bishop of Missouri read a portion of Scripture, and the Presiding Bishop offered prayer.

The Minutes were read, and, on motion, approved.

The following Message was received, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 82.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this House does not concur with Message No. 81 of the House of Bishops [relating to proposed Canon 22, Title I], and respectfully requests a Committee of Conference.

The House of Deputies has appointed as such committee on its part :—

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York; the Rev. Dr. Fulton, of Wisconsin; the Rev. Dr. Dix, of New York; Mr. Sheffey, of Virginia; Mr. Stark, of Connecticut, and Mr. Bennett, of Massachusetts.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the appointment of such Committee of Conference was ordered, with instructions that this House considers it impossible to reconsider its action.

The Presiding Bishop appointed as such committee on the part of this House :—

The Bishops of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

The Bishop of Delaware, from the Committee of Conference on Message 84 of the House of Deputies, presented the following Report, viz. :—

The Committee of Conference of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies upon the subject of the diverse action of the two Houses as to the proposed

Shortened Order of Morning and Evening Prayer, respectfully report that they have duly considered the matter committed to them. The committee on the part of the House of Bishops presented a copy of instructions given to them as follows:—

Upon an interchange of views upon the subject, the committee were of the opinion, that it would be impracticable to secure joint action at the present session of the General Convention.

ALFRED LEE.
WM. BACON STEVENS,
W. B. W. HOWE,
Committee of House of Bishops.
MORGAN DIX.
JOHN FULTON.
CHARLES H. HALL.
HUGH W. SHEFFEY.
BENJ. STARK.

On motion of the Bishop of Delaware, it was

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Joint Committee of the two Houses be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Shortened Services and to report to the next General Convention what provisions, by Rubric or otherwise, are necessary for that purpose.

The Presiding Bishop appointed as such committee on the part of this House:—

The Bishop of Connecticut, the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Bishop of Pittsburgh.

The following Message was received, viz.:—

MESSAGE No. 83. BOSTON, Mass., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 31 from the House of Bishops [relating to the "Relations of the Bishops to Consecrated Churches"], and the House of Deputies appoints as the committee on its part:—

The Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of Central New York; the Rev. Dr. Payne, of Albany; the Rev. Dr. Hills, of New Jersey; Mr. Henry Meigs, of Northern New Jersey; Mr. John W. Hunter, of Long Island; and Mr. Lemuel Coffin, of Pennsylvania.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

The Presiding Bishop appointed as members on the part of this House of the Joint Committee on the Relations of Bishops to Consecrated Churches,

The Bishop of New York, the Bishop of Central New York, and the Bishop of Iowa.

The Bishop of Connecticut, from the Committee of Conference, presented the following Report:—

The Committee of Conference on the disagreement of the two Houses touching a proposed amendment of Title I, Canon 8, Section ii, respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the proposed amendment be referred to the Joint Committee on

the Candidateship of Ministers of other Religious Bodies seeking to be Admitted to Holy Orders.

For the Committee,

J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman on the part of the House of Bishops,

which was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That this House hereby expresses its confidence in, and approbation of, the plan proposed by the Rev. Dr. Schereschewsky, Missionary Bishop elect of Shanghai, to establish in China a Collegiate Institution for the education and training up of a native Ministry, and for other purposes of Christian education; and commends this plan to the liberal contributions of the Clergy and Laity of this Church.

On motion of the Bishop of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That this House earnestly beseeches its brethren of the Clergy and the Laity to make their utmost efforts for the raising of such sum of money as shall enable the Bishop about to be sent forth to China to go in assurance of the accomplishment of his wise and well-considered plans for the education of a native Clergy as helpers in his fearfully great and momentous work.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to communicate their action to the Rev. Dr. Schereschewsky.

The Bishop of Albany, from the Joint Committee to nominate a Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, reported the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That this House, acting under Article 3, Section i, Canon 9, Title III, appoints the following-named persons as members of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, viz. :—

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., New York.	Mr. F. S. Winston, New York.
" John Cotton Smith, D.D., "	" Cyrus Curtis, "
" Henry C. Potter, D.D., "	" B. B. Sherman, "
" Heman Dyer, D.D., "	" Stewart Brown, "
" Chas. H. Hall, D.D., Long Island.	" J. C. Garthwaite, North'n N. Jersey.
" Noah H. Schenck, D.D., "	" Geo. N. Titus, New York.
" John A. Paddock, D.D., "	" C. Vanderbilt, Jr., "
" E. A. Hoffman, D.D., Penn.	" William Scott, "
" W. N. McVickar, D.D., "	" Chas. R. Marvin, Long Island.
" George Leeds, D.D., Maryland.	" Wm. G. Low, "
" J. Livingston Reese, D.D., Albany.	" Benj. Stark, Connecticut.
" J. Houston Eccleston, D.D., N. N. J.	" Wm. Welsh, Pennsylvania.
" W. R. Huntington, D.D., Mass.	" Lemuel Coffin, "
" E. E. Beardsley, D.D., Conn.	" T. A. Tillinghast, Albany.
" T. F. Davies, D.D., Pennsylvania.	" H. P. Baldwin, Michigan.

The following Message was received, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 19th day of the Session,
October 24, 1877.

MESSAGE NO. 84.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following preamble and resolution :—

WHEREAS, A majority of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference, held in the year of our Lord 1867, while solemnly "pro-fessing the Faith delivered to us in Holy Scripture, maintained in the Primitive

Church and by the Fathers of the English Reformation," did also "express the deep sorrow with which we view the divided condition of the Flock of Christ throughout the world, ardently longing for the fulfilment of the Prayer of our Lord, 'that all may be one,'" and did furthermore "solemnly record" their "conviction that unity will be most effectually promoted by *maintaining the Faith in its purity and integrity as taught by the Holy Scriptures, held by the Primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds, and affirmed by the undisputed General Councils.*" And

WHEREAS, The Lambeth declaration was not only signed by all the nineteen American Bishops then and there present, but the whole House of Bishops, at the General Convention of 1868, also formally resolved that they "cordially united in the language and spirit" of the same. And

WHEREAS, Our fervent prayer, daily offered, "that all who profess and call themselves Christians may hold the Faith in unity of Spirit," cannot receive fulfilment unless there be a clear and steadfast clinging to "the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints." And

WHEREAS, The restoration of this "unity of spirit" in the apostolic "bond of peace," among all Christian people, for which we thus daily pray, ought also to be the object of our most earnest efforts. And

WHEREAS, This unity manifestly cannot be restored by the submission of all other parts to any one part of the divided body of Christ, but must be reached by the glad reunion of all in that Faith which was held by all before the separation of corrupt times began. And

WHEREAS, The venerable documents in which the Undisputed Councils summed up the Catholic Faith are not easily accessible to many of the Clergy, and have never been fully set forth to our Laity in a language "understood of the people." Therefore

Resolved, by the House of Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, That in furtherance of the good work thus recommended and enjoined by the said Lambeth Conference and by the House of Bishops of this Church, we humbly request the said House of Bishops, by a Commission of learned Divines, or otherwise, to provide for the setting forth of an accurate and authentic version, in the English language, of the Creed, and the other acts of the said Undisputed General Councils concerning the Faith, thus proclaimed by them as the standards of the Orthodox belief for the whole Church.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Easton, it was

Resolved, That Message No. 84 be referred to the Committee on Canons, to consider and report to the next meeting of the House of Bishops.

The following Message was received, viz.:—

MESSAGE No. 85.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in the first resolution contained in Message No. 85 from the House of Bishops.

And that it concurs in the second resolution, with the amendment in the third and fourth lines as follows: "Two Bishops, and two Presbyters, and two Laymen"; and after the words "Christian Education" at the close of the paragraph, the clause, "*with power to fill vacancies,*" as a further amendment.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has appointed as such committee, on its part, the Rev. Dr. Coit, of New Hampshire, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut, Mr. Winthrop, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Coppie, of Central Pennsylvania.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 85 of the House of Deputies.

The Presiding Bishop appointed the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania an additional member of this committee.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 86.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurs in the resolution contained in Message No. 86 of the House of Bishops.

And that the committee on the part of the House of Deputies consists of the Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., of New York, the Rev. Stevens Parker, D.D., of New Jersey, the Rev. W. R. Huntington, D.D., of Massachusetts, Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, LL.D., of Massachusetts, Mr. S. Corning Judd, LL.D., of Illinois, and Mr. Benjamin Stark, of Connecticut.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 87.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to transmit to this House the Pastoral Letter.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That this House respectfully informs the House of Deputies that they have already taken order for the publication of the Pastoral Letter, and at present they have no copy of it in their possession; and they will, as soon as possible, furnish printed copies to every Clergyman of the Church.

The following Message was received, viz. :—

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 88.

The House of Deputies, sitting as a Board of Missions, informs the House of Bishops that it has elected, on the part of this House, as members of the Board of Managers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,

Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D.,	New York.	Mr. F. A. Winston, New York.
" John Cotton Smith, D.D.,	"	" Cyrus Curtis, "
" Henry C. Potter, D.D.,	"	" B. B. Sherman, "
" Heman Dyer, D.D.,	"	" Stewart Brown "
" Chas. H. Hall, D.D.,	Long Island.	" J. C. Garthwaite, North'n N. Jersey.
" Noah Hunt Schenck, D.D.,	"	" Geo. N. Titus, New York.
" John A. Paddock, D.D.,	"	" C. Vanderbilt, Jr., "
" E. A. Hoffman, D.D.,	Penn.	" C. R. Marvin, Long Island.
" W. N. McVicker, D.D.,	"	" W. G. Low, "
" George Leeds, D.D.,	Maryland.	" Benj. Stark, Connecticut.
" J. Livingston Reese, D.D.,	Albany.	" Wm. Welsh, Pennsylvania.
" T. Houston Eccleston, D.D.,	N. N. J.	" Lemuel Coffin, "
" W. R. Huntington, D.D.,	Mass.	" T. A. Tillinghast, Albany.
" E. E. Beardsley, D.D.,	Conn.	" H. P. Baldwin, Michigan.
" T. F. Davies, D.D.,	Pennsylvania.	" William Scott, New York.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 88 of the House of Deputies.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

MESSAGE No. 89.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the subject of the examination of Candidates for Deacon's Orders only, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Admission of Ministers of other Christian Bodies into the Ministry of this Church.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 89.

On motion of the Bishop of Indiana, it was

Resolved, That this House affectionately congratulates the venerable Presiding Bishop upon the nearly completed forty-fifth year of his Episcopate, and devoutly recognizes the goodness and favor of Almighty God in the measure of health and strength vouchsafed to His aged servant; and further assures our venerable Brother of its earnest prayers in his behalf.

The Presiding Bishop addressed the House.

On motion of the Bishop of Iowa, it was

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to furnish a copy of his address for the Minutes of the House.

On motion of the Bishop of Kansas, it was

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this House be returned to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of this House for their valuable services, in the very prompt and efficient discharge of their laborious duties.

On motion of the Bishop of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of this House be requested to furnish to all the Bishops of this Church, prior to the 1st of January, 1878, a certified copy of the Acts of the General Convention of 1877, relating to the Constitution, Canons, and the Liturgy, giving these Acts in the form in which they will be of force after the date named above.

On motion of the Bishop of Albany, the proposed Declaration on Conformity in Worship, offered by the Bishop of Maryland, was referred to the Joint Committee on Shortened Services.

On motion of the Bishop of Central New York, it was

Resolved, That this House very gratefully acknowledges the hospitable attentions it has received during its sessions, from the Committee of Arrangements and the Committee of Hospitalities, consisting of Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Massachusetts, to whose ability, patience, and unwearied courtesy the Bishops are largely indebted for their comfort and enjoyment while in Boston.

On motion of the Bishop of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inform the House of Deputies that it has completed the business now before it, and is ready to adjourn.

A committee of the House of Deputies appeared, and requested a prolongation of the session until 1.30 P. M., which was granted.

The House took a recess of half an hour.

The House assembled after recess.

The following Messages were received, viz. : —

MESSAGE No. 90.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 14 of Title I is hereby amended so as to read as follows : —

[4.] It shall be the duty of all Ministers to obtain and present letters dimissory, as above described, whenever they remove from one Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to another and remain there for six months. But this provision shall not apply to any Minister who is a Professor in the General Theological Seminary, an officer of the Board of Missions, or a Professor or other officer in any University, College, or other institution of learning maintained or governed in part by the Diocese to which such Minister belongs, or to Chaplains in the Army or Navy of the United States.

And when a new Diocese shall be erected within the limits of the Diocese to which any such Minister belongs, he shall be entitled to elect in which of such Dioceses he will be canonically resident.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 90 of the House of Deputies, for the reason that it is impossible at this late period of the session to give to an amendment, affecting so many institutions of learning throughout the Church, the consideration which its importance deserves.

MESSAGE No. 91.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it concurs in Message No. 91 from the House of Bishops, and appoints as members of the Joint Committee on the part of this House, —

The Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Connecticut, the Rev. Mr. Langford, of New Jersey, Mr. Meads, of Albany, Mr. Bridge, of Maine, Mr. Prince, of Long Island.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 92.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, That the consideration of Section ii of Canon 8, Title I, be referred to the Joint Committee upon the subject of the Admission of Ministers of other Christian Bodies, to report to the next Convention.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 92 of the House of Deputies.

MESSAGE No. 93.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution : —

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee, consisting on the part of the House of Bishops of three Bishops, and on the part of this House of three Presbyters and three Laymen, be appointed to prepare and to present to the next General Convention, a brief collection of Anthems in the words of Holy Scripture, or in the words of the Prayer Book of the Church of England ; the same, if approved, to become an Appendix to the Hymnal.

Attest :

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That this House does not concur in Message No. 93 of the House of Deputies, for the reason that at this late period of the session it has not time to give due consideration to the subject.

MESSAGE No. 94.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Deputies concurs with the House of Bishops in the amendment of Clause [3] of Section ii of Canon 1 of Title III, proposed by the House of Bishops in their Message No. 34.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 95.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the whole subject of Synods of Dioceses and of Suffragan Bishops be referred to a Joint Committee to report to the next General Convention. And the House of Deputies appoints as members of such committee on the part of this House, the Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D., of New York, the Rev. Chas. H. Hall, D.D., of Long Island, the Rev. J. F. Garrison, M.D., of New Jersey, Mr. S. Corning Judd, LL.D., of Illinois, Mr. H. P. Baldwin, of Michigan, Mr. Hamilton Fish, LL.D., of New York.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 95 of the House of Deputies, and appointed as members on the part of this House of such Joint Committee, the Bishops of Kentucky, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Easton, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Oregon, and Albany.

MESSAGE No. 96.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Bishops be requested to consider whether any amendment be needed in Section xvi of Canon 15 of Title I, and to communicate the result of their deliberation to the House of Deputies at the next session of the General Convention.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

MESSAGE No. 97.

BOSTON, MASS., 20th day of the Session,
October 25, 1877.

The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That in case of need the Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Treasurer of the General Convention be authorized to make an additional assessment not exceeding one dollar for each Clergyman.

Attest:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

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On motion, the House concurred in Message No. 97 of the House of Deputies.

On motion, the House adjourned.

BENJAMIN BOSWORTH SMITH,

Bishop Presiding.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER,

Secretary.

WILLIAM TATLOCK,

Assistant Secretary.

APPENDICES.

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APPENDIX I.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

THE Committee on the State of the Church make their final Report at a late period of the session, in order that the maturest consideration may be given to the several topics submitted to them, and that ample time may be secured for completing the General Tabulated Digest of all the Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions. But we regret to say that, notwithstanding the new form of Parochial Report adopted at the last General Convention, and an amendment providing for the presentation of all important Diocesan documents on or before the first Monday of the session, most of those received did not reach us till a much later period, and some have not yet come into the hands of the Committee. No reports have been received from California, Louisiana, and New Mexico and Arizona. We therefore very respectfully, but earnestly, call the attention of the several Standing Committees of Dioceses to this prevailing neglect, and ask their aid in remedying the evil.

The Church may be congratulated on the very small record of mortality among our Rt. Rev. Fathers during the last triennial period, as compared with that immediately preceding. Then the list embraced the names of ten well-known and honoured labourers who had gone to their rest, and most of them full of years, as all had been distinguished for faith and good works; while now we mourn only one who, during the last three years, has been called to lay off his armour and join the company of the faithful in Paradise. The Rt. Rev. John Johns, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Virginia, passed away April 4, 1876, after an Episcopate of thirty-four years. A faithful labourer, widely known throughout the Church; ever a consistent example to the flock, he never failed to secure and enjoy the reverence, regard, and confidence, of all with whom he was associated. Gifted with the power of holding the close attention of large audiences, whom he impressed and instructed, he was not less distinguished for personal graces and great loveliness of character. So that, while he possessed many qualities that would lead his admirers to call him a Chrysostom among preachers, they could not forget that he deserved no less the title of a John in the College of the Bishops.

Twelve additions have been made to our list of Bishops during the last three years:—

The Rt. Rev. Alexander Charles Garrett, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Northern Texas.

The Rt. Rev. Robert W. B. Elliott, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Western Texas.

The Rt. Rev. John Henry Ducachet Wingfield, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Northern California.

The Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams, D.D., Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Underwood Dudley, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Kentucky.

The Rt. Rev. John Scarborough, D.D., Bishop of New Jersey.

The Rt. Rev. George De Normandie Gillespie, D.D., Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Augustus Jaggard, D.D., Bishop of Southern Ohio.

The Rt. Rev. William Edward McLaren, D.D., Bishop of Illinois.

The Rt. Rev. John Henry Hobart Brown, D.D., Bishop of Fond du Lac.

The Rt. Rev. William Stevens Perry, D.D., Bishop of Iowa.

The Rt. Rev. C. Clifton Penick, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Africa.

The Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams, D.D., has resigned his Missionary Jurisdiction during the present Convention, making our actual gain of Bishops eleven, with the loss of only one during three years, and leaving the whole number, at home and abroad, fifty-eight, and two Bishops resigned.

The documents submitted to us show a vast amount of labour performed, self-denial endured, and energy manifested, on the part of Bishops, Clergy and people; and, if the progress made has not been as great and gratifying as at some former periods, we have enough for which to be devoutly thankful, and to encourage us in making increased effort to “strengthen the things that remain,” seek new fields of usefulness, and spread abroad the Name of Him who has said, “not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit.”

As in former Reports, we have a sad record to consider of diminished lists of Candidates for Holy Orders, and we know not where to seek the remedy, except we go back to neglected parental and sponsorial duties. Our attention has also been called to this neglect as furnishing one reason for diminished congregations at the second Service of the Lord's Day. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that there is a growing indisposition to frequent the House of God on more than one occasion of public worship each Sunday. Parents and children are not found together at that House, because, it is asserted, that the Sunday school follows so soon after, that children should be excused from the public Service; and, thus, we have a combination of evils whose influence is felt in various ways, to the imperilling the best interests of individuals and the whole Church. No one ought to forget that the two daily sacrifices were the minimum of duty under the law, and certainly under the Gospel, we ought not to complain of two Services once in seven days, while parental obligation is performed only when children at a very early period are carried to God's House, and taught the lesson of habitual attendance, not only on occasions of catechetical instruction, but the ordinary Services; that they may learn the true measure of their duty, and be trained in the use of a form of devotion so needful to their spiritual growth. We feel confident that, if there were more of this public worship by entire families, from three years old and upwards; more of conscientious regard for morning and evening Services as the least we can do in honouring God and seeking a knowledge of His truth; more of care on the part of sponsors, and the exertion of positive

efforts for the improvement of those over whom they have promised to watch vigilantly, we should find our congregations greatly increased, the young more frequently offering themselves for the sacred Ministry, a higher standard of personal holiness presented in our parishes, and the Word of God would have much freer course, and be more largely and generally glorified.

The committee have had, also, under their consideration the subject of Sunday-school Service-books, and they recommend that the Prayer Book be used for the opening and closing of Sunday schools, as the best means of securing the interest of children in the worship of the Church.

In connection with these and kindred topics, your committee have had their attention directed to the fact that many persons are kept from the Church on account of the isolated and practically reserved condition into which many of our parishes have drifted, so that their privileges and blessings are confined to a comparatively small number. We need to spread the impression abroad more widely that our churches are for the saving of souls; that all are welcome, and therefore there should be great consideration exercised towards the less fortunate; the stranger should be cordially welcomed, though we have paid for a monopoly of a certain number of seats. If we can, we should have everywhere free and open churches, and raise the necessary income by the offertory, or pledges, or subscriptions, so as to rid ourselves of one of the greatest hindrances of the Gospel's progress; and then there should be—the strongest of all influences for good—a living and loving sympathy, which smiles, recognizes, and takes by the hand, the humble, the ignorant, and the unfortunate; so that we may teach the world that, like the Master, we are trying to “seek and save the lost.”

We might, as has been done in former years, add very much in regard to our Mission work, the sacrifices it involves, as well as the encouragements with which we are blessed; but the records are before the Church, and should be carefully studied.

The Report of the Trustees of the Missionary Bishops' Fund exhibits a sad neglect, and we again commend that important cause to the liberality of the Church. If some of the Jurisdictions could be in part endowed, or even if one offering could be made in each parish annually, the general treasury would be greatly relieved, and the aggregate offerings for Missions vastly increased.

We desire also to call attention again to Missions among the Freedmen and throughout the impoverished Southern Dioceses. The Church need not be told what liberality once was manifested there, how great is their present destitution, nor how broad is the field that now invites earnest and energetic labour. We must not forget that we are brethren, and that never more than now will fraternal service and aid be more thankfully received, or more fully blessed.

The committee feel that the Church's great and important Council is closing its deliberations under circumstances that are exceptional and very extraordinary, which call for expressions of devoutest praise and gratitude. Kindness, forbearance, courtesy, harmony, and love are not too strong words with which to speak of our proceedings, intercourse, and acts. We know from what source comes the influence, that “makes men to be of one mind in one house”; and we therefore desire to ascribe to the Holy One the glory of all. And, now, that we have seen what power is gained by unity of action and fraternal concord, let us take care that we do not again “fall out by the way,” but do our Lord's work with mutual good-will, confidence, and love, and we will realize the full blessing of that Master's prayer, “That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.”

The Reports of the several Dioceses are herewith presented, and form a part of this Report.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the view of the state of the Church here presented be transmitted to the House of Bishops, asking their prayers and blessings, and requesting them to prepare and cause to be published a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. VAN DEUSEN, *Chairman*.

CHARLES W. HAYES, *Secretary*.

TABULAR DIGESTS.

NOTE.—For the purpose of securing uniformity in the accompanying Reports, the “three years last past” referred to in the following Tables are the “Convention” years of each Diocese respectively, that have occurred since the last General Convention.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

THE RT. REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total
Lay Readers licensed	2	3	....	5
Number holding licenses October 1, 1877 . . . . .	....	....	....	24
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted . . . . .	....	1	1	2
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	....	....	....	6
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	....	....	....	6
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	2	....	3
“ received . . . . .	....	....	1	1
“ canonically resident October 1, 1877 . . . . .	....	....	....	4
Presbyters ordained . . . . .	....	1	....	1
“ received	2	1	1	4
“ transferred	5	3	1	9
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	....	....	....	20

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 20; Deacons, 4; Total 25

Number of Clergy without Cure 4

“ engaged in teaching and having no Cure 1

“ receiving missionary stipends 6

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 24

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized			2	2
“ admitted into union with Convention			2	2
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				43
Whole number of Parishes				43
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				41
Number of organized Missions				6
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations			1	1
Whole number of Churches				35
Whole number of Rectories				10
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms, total number	510	338	437	1,285
Confirmations	300	272	271	843
Marriages	83	89	70	242
Burials	237	173	172	582
Communicants—present number	3,575	3,356	3,508	
Sunday schools—Teachers	259	247	253	
“ “ Scholars	1,646	1,684	1,725	

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH ASYLUMS FOR ORPHANS. — (1) Church Home for girls, Mobile; organized 1864. (2) Church Home for boys, Mobile; organized 1877. Number of inmates, 1875, 36; 1876, 39; 1877, 41; total, 116. Amount of endowment, \$6,000. Annual income from endowment, \$480. Annual income from charity, 1875, \$2,653; 1876, \$2,805; 1877, \$2,765; total income, \$8,223.

CHURCH HOMES OR RETREATS. — Church Home, Mobile, for the care of the sick, the training of children, and the training of Deaconesses.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$1,787 50	\$1,868 10	\$1,736 60	\$5,392 20
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	17,300 00			
Annual income from endowments, assessments, and contributions	1,402 55			
Total income	1,402 55			4,207 65
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses):—				
Annual expenditure	6,815 33		4,057 75	10,873 13
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	1,393 54	1,864 80	1,689 06	5,448 30
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	183 17	392 06	274 15	854 38
Foreign Missions	59 75	158 85	128 75	347 35

DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, S.T.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1874.	1875.	1876.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	3	8	4	15
Number holding licenses October 1, 1877				41
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874,				36
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	12	12	8	32
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				23
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				18
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	9	2	7	18
“ received	4	5	3	12
“ transferred	5	1	3	9
“ deposed	1			1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				12
Presbyters ordained	5	8	5	18
“ received (one, by declaration)	12	13	17	42
“ instituted	3	1	5	9
“ transferred	15	21	14	50
“ deceased	1	3	1	5
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				104

Whole number of Clergy October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 104; Deacons, 12; Total 117

Number of Clergy without Cure 11

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no Cure 2

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 35

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 111

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1874.	1875.	1876.	Total.
Parishes organized	2	1	0	3
“ admitted into union with Convention	2	0	1	3
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				100
Present number of Parishes not in union with Convention				11
Whole number of Parishes				111
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				117
Number of organized Missions				16
“ unorganized Missions				18
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	5	1	2	8
Consecrations	4	1	0	5
Whole number of Churches				109
“ “ Chapels				5

PARISHES, ETC.	1874.	1875.	1876.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms:—Infants	1,280	1,267	1,236	3,783
“ Adults	314	415	490	1,139
Total number of Baptisms	1,594	1,682	1,726	4,922
Confirmations	1,041	1,077	1,149	3,267
Marriages	357	352	334	1,043
Burials	413	840	841	2,094
Communicants, present number	9,818	10,662	10,176	10,176
Sunday Schools— Teachers	1,022	1,112	1,125	1,125
“ “ Scholars	8,800	8,860	8,852	8,852
Parish Schools— Number of Teachers	28	32	53	53
“ “ Number of Pupils	386	360	446	446

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL. — Childs Hospital, Albany; on the Corning Foundation.

CHURCH ASYLUMS FOR ORPHANS. — Orphan House of the Holy Saviour, Cooperstown, N. Y.; Orphan House of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

CHURCH HOME. — Church Home, Troy.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — St. Agnes' School for Girls, on the Corning Foundation, Albany; Mary Warren Free Institute, Troy; Cathedral Choir School, Albany; St. Paul's Parish School, Troy; Christ Church Parish School, Rouse's Point; St. John's Parish School, Ogdensburgh.

COLLEGIATE. — Bede Hall Boys' School, Cooperstown.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1874.	1875.	1876.	Total.
Communion Aims reported	\$12,582 00	\$9,098 40	\$7,743 92	\$29,424 32
Episcopal Fund— Total income	2,900 25	2,897 25	2,893 41	7,690 91
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses):—				
Annual expenditure	2,813 83	1,659 64	1,496 37	5,969 81
Diocesan Missions— Annual offerings	12,321 46	11,195 79	10,628 21	34,145 46
Domestic Missions— Annual offerings	5,427 78	2,061 91	3,179 60	10,669 29
Home Missions for Colored People— Annual offerings	813 96	161 83	160 00	1,135 79
Indian Missions— Annual offerings	501 84	600 72	659 21	1,861 77
Foreign Missions— Annual offerings	2,069 67	2,014 99	2,016 13	6,251 79
Education for the Ministry— Annual offerings	365 43	337 18	967 94	1,670 55
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds— Total	493 15	420 22	471 21	1,384 58
Widows and Orphans of Clergy— Total	675 69	700 28	213 56	1,589 53
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese"	4,962 14	4,663 29	6,802 84	16,428 27
Miscellaneous and Unspecified Charities— Total	93,611 06	87,136 75	57,729 64	238,477 45
Total amount of Salaries and Parochial Expenses				513,007 45
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention for the year	19	21	18	
Total amount of offerings for 1874, '75, '76,				869,676 57

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

THE RT. REV. HENRY NILES BISHOP, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	1	1	1	2
Candidates for Holy Orders	1	1	1	3
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877	1	1	1	2
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1	1	1
" transferred	1	1	1	1
Presbyters ordained	2	1	1	3
" received	4	2	2	8
" transferred	5	1	2	8

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 13; Deacon, 1; Total 15

Number of Clergy without Cure 3

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	1	1	1
Whole number of Parishes	1	1	1	15
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	2	2	2	2
Number of Rectories	1	1	1	1
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Total number of Baptisms	149	138	387	387
Confirmations reported	35	94	87	196
Marriages	16	16	32	32
Burials	69	58	127	127
Communicants	763	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sunday Schools—Scholars	396	326	326	326

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$369 45	\$393 66	\$763 11	\$763 11
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	\$56 20	81 05	225 21	362 46
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual Offerings	3 00	1 00	4 00	4 00
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	5 00	9 00	14 00	14 00
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities—Annual contributions	188 20	192 65	380 85	380 85

DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM INGRAHAM KIP, D.D., BISHOP.

 No Report has been received.

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK.

THE RT. REV. FREDERIC D. HUNTINGTON, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed		8	11	19
Number holding licenses October 1, 1877				39
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				22
Candidates for Holy Orders	1	7	6	14
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				8
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				8
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	2			4
“ “ three examinations	3	1	5	9
“ received	3			3
“ transferred		1	1	2
“ deceased				1
“ canonically resident October 1, 1877				8
Presbyters ordained	9	7	3	19
“ received	5	9	8	22
“ transferred	9	12	7	28
“ deceased	2	2	1	5
“ deposed			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				93
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 93; Deacons, 8; Total				102
Number of Clergy without Cure				3
Number of Clergy engaged in teaching and having no Cure of souls				5
Number of Clergy receiving Missionary stipends				42

PARISHES AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	2	...	3
" admitted into union with Convention	1	1	1	3
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				105
Present number of Parishes not in union with Conv'n				1
Whole number of Parishes				106
Number of unorganized Missions				33
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	3	3	2	■
Whole number of Churches				114
" " Rectories				53
Total value of Church property				\$1,600,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported to the Convention	6,534	6,623	7,037	...
Baptisms—Infants	802	1,077	937	2,816
" Adults	358	488	517	1,363
Total number of Baptisms	1,160	1,565	1,454	4,179
Confirmations	830	1,104	1,099	3,033
Marriages	325	363	396	1,084
Burials	759	735	743	2,237
Communicants	10,315	10,374	11,589	...
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers	1,116	1 174	1,136	...
Number of Scholars	8,103	8,380	8,307	...
Parish Schools—Number of	5	3	3	...
Number of Teachers	8	3	3	...
Number of Pupils	197	83	80	...

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOMES AND HOSPITALS. — St. Luke's Home and Hospital, Utica. A refuge for poor and friendless persons, with a hospital department for the sick. Organized November, 1869. Endowment, \$9,000. Annual income from the same, \$450. Total receipts for the last three years, \$14,243.26. Whole number cared for during the same period, 124. Value of the real estate, \$50,000.

House of the Good Shepherd, Binghamton. An asylum for aged and destitute persons. Opened November, 1870. Endowment, \$5,000. Income from charity during the year 1877, \$744.50. Number of inmates, 30.

House of the Good Shepherd, Utica. An institution for destitute and friendless children. Organized February, 1872. Endowment, \$5,000. Income from charity during the year 1877, \$2,635.79. Number of inmates, 50. Value of property, \$15,000.

House and Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse, under the immediate supervision of the Bishop. Organized February, 1873. Supported by voluntary gifts. Receipts in money, 1877, \$2,529.28. Number cared for during the year, 92. Value of property, \$25,000.

Shelter for Homeless Women, Syracuse. Opened February, 1877. Object, the protection and reformation of women or young girls who have gone astray from virtue, or are dangerously exposed to vice. The support comes from the spontaneous gifts of Christian people. Number of inmates variable. The management is in the hands of the Bishop.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — St. John's School for Boys, Manlius, under the general supervision and spiritual care of the Bishop. Founded in 1869. Rev. Theodore Babcock, D.D., Rector and Head Master; three Assistant Masters. Pupils, 40. Income from subscriptions, 1876, \$24,000. Number of volumes in library, 500. Value of property, \$65,000.

Keble School for Girls, Syracuse. Founded in 1869. Principal, Miss Mary J. Jackson. Teachers, 10. Pupils, 120. Value of property, \$35,000.

DeLancey School, Oneida. A boarding and day school for young ladies and children. Established in 1874. Principal, Miss L. M. Marsh. Pupils, 40.

THEOLOGICAL. — St. Andrew's Divinity School, Syracuse. Established September, 1876. Instructors, 5, including the Bishop, and the Dean, Rev. C. P. Jennings, M.D. Students, 9. A special feature of the education is the constant exercise of the students in missionary labour and lay-reading, the School constituting an Associate Mission.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ("Conducted under the management of members of this Church"). — Oxford Academy. A boarding and day school for both sexes. Principal, Rev. F. B. Lewis. Instructors, 5. Pupils, 100.

Hungerford Institute, Adams. Principal, Prof. A. B. Watkins. Instructors, 11. Pupils, 170.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$4,267 77	\$4,392 43	\$4,076 36	\$12,736 56
Episcopal Fund: —				
Amount of capital invested			66,000 00	
Annual income from endowments . .	4,346 24	4,525 06	4,643 91	13,515 21
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expend- iture	1,960 95	1,768 44	1,584 76	5,314 15
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings . .	10,567 34	10,986 82	12,899 52	34,443 68
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings . .	3,588 46	4,772 61	4,870 20	13,231 27
Home Missions for Colored People — An- nual offerings	446 86	464 09	687 93	1,598 88
Indian Missions — Annual offerings . . .	228 02	807 33	1,413 37	2,448 72
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . .	985 78	1,968 53	1,265 92	4,220 23
Education for the Ministry — Annual offer- ings	1,985 48	2,472 59	1,332 43	5,790 50
Aged and Infirm Clergy, and Widows and Orphans Fund: —				
Amount of capital invested			7,200 00	
Annual income from investments . .	507 75	440 24	586 97	1,534 96
Annual offerings	1,079 45	988 47	918 31	2,986 23
Total	1,587 20	1,428 71	1,505 28	4,521 19
Permanent Missionary Fund: —				
Amount of capital invested			14,800 00	
Annual income from investments . .	787 03	848 26	966 87	2,602 16
Other Benevolent and Missionary Asso- ciations of Churchmen within the Dio- cese: —				
Bible and Prayer Book Fund: —				
Invested capital			3,000 00	
Annual income from investments .	350 88	180 00	211 20	742 08
" " contributions and offerings	38 38	260 12	99 47	397 97
Total	389 26	440 12	310 67	1,140 05
Miscellaneous and Unspecified Charities: Total	36,596 55	71,411 29	57,206 81	165,214 65
Total capitals invested for Church pur- poses, general, Diocesan, or Parochial .				125,327 24
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer- ings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not in- cluding salaries of Clergymen and Paro- chial expenses)				269,948 92
Total amount of <i>Salaries and Parochial Expenses</i>				445,284 55
Number of Parishes not reporting to Con- vention	6	4	3	

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

THE RT. REV. M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	3	4	1	8
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	5	1	1	7
“ deposed	1	1	1	2
Presbyters ordained	1	6	3	10
“ received	18	17	10	45
“ instituted	1	1	1	1
“ transferred	11	11	7	29
“ deceased	3	2	1	5

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 86; Deacons, 7; Total 94

Number receiving Missionary stipends 35

PARISHES AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes admitted into union with Convention			1	1
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				88
“ “ not in union with Convention				2
Whole number of Parishes				90
Number of Parishes receiving Missionary stipends				39
Unorganized Missions				20
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	2	4	2	8
Whole number of churches				86
Sittings				23,930
Rectories				41
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	1,075	845	961	2,881
Adults	174	151	215	540
Total number of Baptisms	1,249	996	1,176	3,421
Confirmations reported	618	607	609	1,834
Marriages	230	193	173	596
Burials	455	467	421	1,343
Communicants	6,408	6,244	6,512	
Sunday Schools—Teachers	1,096	1,104	961	
Scholars	10,681	10,020	10,893	

DIOCESAN CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITALS. — St. Luke's, South Bethlehem. Organized 1872; opened 1873; inmates during three years, 250. Besides a capacious building, there are 21 acres of land. Endowment, \$10,000.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS. — St. James's Orphanage, Lancaster.

CHURCH HOME. — Bishop Bowman Church Home, Lancaster.

DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Bishop Thorpe School for girls, South Bethlehem; scholars, 30; teachers, 5.

Diocesan School for boys, Reading. St. James', Muncy. St. Mary's, Carlisle.

Lehigh University, South Bethlehem. Officers of instruction and government, 14. Students, 100. Whole number of graduates, 50. Amount of endowment, \$500,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund:—				
Interest-paying subscriptions	\$29,909 90	\$32,731 83	\$34,870 17	. . . . .
Amount of capital invested	21,540 57	18,253 64	15,596 31	. . . . .
Annual income from endowments . . .	3,034 53	2,586 69	2,611 80	8,233 02
“ “ assessments and contributions	1,467 77	1,219 90	1,023 45	3,711 12
Diocesan Expenditure (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure	2,136 31	1,023 15	1,010 91	4,175 37
Diocesan Missions	12,133 40	8,555 34	9,047 92	29,736 66
Domestic Missions	2,179 72	1,301 95	1,740 83	5,222 50
Home Missions for Colored People	141 91	174 77	158 34	475 02
Indian Missions	611 02	574 32	592 67	1,788 01
Foreign Missions	1,612 96	1,411 94	1,512 45	4,537 35
Education of the Ministry	2,949 80	2,900 00	2,908 92	8,758 72
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, and Widows and Orphans of Clergy:—				
Amount of capital invested	4,643 95	5,012 95	5,294 03	. . . . .
Annual income from investment	259 00	266 73	291 38	817 11
“ “ offerings	977 52	1,136 08	1,078 53	3,192 13
Missions among Jews	141 72	101 23	60 83	303 83
St. Luke's Hospital	659 40	838 74	734 56	2,232 70
Total amount of salaries and Parochial expenses	166,747 19	234,000 42	178,647 55	579,395 16
Total Parochial expenses	230,815 19	295,007 46	250,266 81	776,089 46
Extra “ “	64,068 00	61,007 04	71,619 26	197,694 20
Number of Parishes not reporting to the Convention . . . . .	. . . . .	11	10	

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.

THE RT. REV. JOHN WILLIAMS, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	8	7	7	22
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				18
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1		2
“ “ three examinations	1	16	8	33
“ received	1	1	1	3
“ transferred	1	2	2	5
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				13
Presbyters ordained	5	10	10	25
“ received	8	6	10	24
“ instituted	1			1
“ transferred	11	7	14	32
“ deceased		1	7	8
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				173

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 173; Deacons, 13; Total 187

PARISHES AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	2		1	3
“ admitted into union with Convention	2		1	3
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				148
“ “ not in union with Convention,				1
Whole number of Parishes				149
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				146
Number of Missions				24
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	2	4		6
Consecrations	4	3	1	8
Whole number of Churches and Chapels				164
Whole number of Rectories				79
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported	*11,413	*12,020	*12,539	
Baptism:—Infants	1,483	1,625	1,569	4,677
Adults	331	509	459	1,299
Total number of Baptisms	1,814	2,134	2,028	5,976
Confirmations	1,010	1,374	1,317	3,617
Marriages	591	654	499	1,944
Burials	1,401	1,364	1,317	4,082
Communicants—Added by removal	543	564	626	1,633
Added by admission	1,021	1,248	1,273	3,542
Whole number added	1,564	1,812	1,799	5,175
Removed	597	702	715	2,015
Died	318	339	333	990
Present number	17,527	17,683	18,630	
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers	1,679	1,735	1,800	
Number of Scholars	12,336	13,241	†13,953	

* From 129 Parishes; from 138 Parishes; from 142 Parishes.

† From 139 Parishes.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOMES. — Widows' Home, Hartford; St. Luke's Home, Middletown; Home for the Aged of Trinity Church, New Haven; Huntington Home, Norwich; Church Home, Hartford.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — Episcopal Academy, Cheshire. Pupils, males, 110. St. Margaret's School for Girls, Waterbury. Pupils, 126.

COLLEGIATE. — Trinity College, Hartford. Number of officers of instruction and government, 13. Whole number of graduates, 762. Number of graduates who have entered the Ministry of the Church, 276. Number of volumes in libraries, 18,000.

THEOLOGICAL. — Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown. Number of professors and instructors, 7. Number of students, 1875, 30; 1876, 38; 1877, 28. Whole number of Alumni, 218. Number of volumes in libraries, 16,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$15,226 47	\$15,697 13	\$14,839 86	\$44,763 46
Episcopal Fund: —				
Amount of capital invested	35,600 00	36,100 00	34,600 00	106,300 00
Annual income from endowments . .	3,551 10	3,562 74	3,576 70	10,690 54
" " assessments and				
contributions	1,919 35	2,130 00	2 096 10	6,145 45
Total income	5,470 45	5,692 74	5,612 80	16,835 99
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and				
contingent expenses) — Annual expend-				
iture	1,251 29	1,364 40	1,209 73	3,825 42
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings .	14,408 84	12,329 05	11,922 25	38,661 14
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings .	23,157 69	19,601 01	15,983 25	58,741 95
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . .	4,740 53	1,896 46	2,679 26	9,316 25
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds: —				
Amount of capital invested	12,000 00	12,000 00	12,000 00	36,000 00
Annual income from investments . .	853 40	858 00	837 13	2,548 53
Annual offerings	553 79	872 59	1 230 13	2,661 51
Total	1,412 19	1,730 59	2,067 26	5,210 04
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer-				
ings, etc., "for pious and charitable				
uses," for three years last past, includ-				
ing salaries of Clergymen and Parochial				
expenses . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,137,910 02

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE.

THE RT. REV. ALFRED LEE, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	9	1	.....	3
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	1	.....	.....	1
“ transferred	1	.....	.....	1
Presbyters ordained	1	1	.....	2
“ received	2	2	2	6
“ transferred	1	1	1	3
“ deceased . . . . .	.....	.....	1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	27
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 25; Deacon, 1; Total . . . . .	.....	.....	27	
Number without Cure . . . . .	.....	.....	6	
“ engaged in teaching . . . . .	.....	.....	2	
“ receiving Missionary stipends . . . . .	.....	.....	6	

PARISHES AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	23
Whole number of Parishes . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	23
Number of organized Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3
“ “ unorganized Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	2	1	.....	3
Consecrations . . . . .	.....	1	1	2
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	23
“ “ Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	7
“ “ “ Sittings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8,200
Number of Free Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	13
Whole number of Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms — Infants	306	234	174	764
Adults	56	63	39	158
Total number of Baptisms	362	347	213	922
Confirmations	135	242	149	526
Marriages	66	72	40	178
Burials	194	185	176	555
Communicants — Whole number added	150	265	175	590
Removed	60	85	81	226
Died	26	23	34	83
Present number	1,801	2,033	2,083	.....
Sunday Schools — Number of Teachers	351	324	282	.....
Number of Scholars	3,001	2,874	2,591	.....

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$1,041 97	\$1,161 72	\$1,474 02	\$3,677 91
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested			13,239 10	13,239 10
Annual income from endowments	596 41	701 82	774 50	2,072 73
" assessments	789 00	756 00	750 00	2,295 00
Total	1,385 41	1,457 82	1,524 50	4,367 73
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	297 75	292 59	300 00	890 34
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	865 15	1,501 84	1,079 50	3,446 49
Domestic Missions (including missions for colored people, and Indians)—Annual offerings	2,914 41	2,022 25	2,563 95	7,500 61
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	1,047 40	1,657 61	2,569 96	5,274 97
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	1,004 49	776 52	908 97	2,689 98
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested				2,550 00
Annual income from investments	128 85	139 46	147 88	416 19
Annual offerings	232 24	151 07	103 95	487 26
Total	361 09	290 53	251 83	903 45
Miscellaneous and unspecified Charities		449 02	114 53	563 55
Total amount of Salaries and Parochial Expenses				65,025 20

DIOCESE OF EASTON.

THE RT. REV. HENRY CHAMPLIN LAY, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed			2	2
Number holding licenses on October 1, 1877				8
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				6
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted			1	1
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				1
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				1
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations			1	1
" transferred			2	2
" deceased			1	1
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				1
Presbyters ordained	1		1	2
" received	6	1	3	10
" transferred		1	1	2
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				29

Whole number of Clergy October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 29; Deacons, 2	32
Number of Clergy without Cure	5
Number of Clergy engaged in teaching	1
Number of Clergy receiving missionary stipends	8
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874	28

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized			1	1
“ admitted into union with Convention			1	1
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				34
Whole number of Parishes				34
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				33
Number of unorganized Missions				1
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid			1	1
Consecrations	1	1	1	3
Whole number of Churches and Chapels				56
“ sittings				11,500
Number of free Churches and Chapels				47
“ sittings				9,500
Whole number of Rectories				19
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$150,000
“ Rectories				50,000
“ other Church property				50,000
“ Parochial endowment				17,800
Total value of Church property				267,800
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported to the Convention				1,301
Number of souls reported				6,297
Baptisms—Infants	321	383	332	1,036
Adults	27	28	22	77
Total number	348	411	354	1,113
Confirmations	175	187	164	526
Marriages	71	69	62	202
Burials	149	165	153	467
Communicants—Whole number added	224	255	197	676
Removed	132	140	119	391
Died	26	35	33	99
Present number				2,367
Sunday Schools—Teachers				229
Scholars				1,468
Parish Schools—Number of				3
“ Teachers				6
“ Pupils				75

DIOCESAN CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS (or of other children of either sex).—Home for Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Organized 1870. Number of inmates, 1875, 18; 1876, 18; 1877, 21. Total, 21. Amount of endowment, \$16,000. Total income from endowment, \$480; annual income from charity, 1875, \$1,546; 1876, \$1,105; 1877, \$1,113.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested				\$34,639 27
Annual Income from endowments	\$2,689 65	\$2,439 19	\$1,992 42	7,121 26
Total income				7,121 26
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditures	721 38	653 07	581 06	1,955 51
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	2,131 24	1,956 71	1,604 53	5,692 48
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	213 89	174 92	509 03	897 84
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	76 45	148 31	187 99	412 75
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	51 32	57 21	10 00	118 53
Widows and orphans of Clergy	225 51	276 67	248 81	750 99
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities	2,804 76	4,912 97	3,050 00	10,767 73
Total capitals invested for Church purposes				110,000 06
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of clergymen and parochial expenses)				26,186 90
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				108,491 37
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention	4	4	6	14

DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

THE RT. REV. JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	9	9	12	30
Number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				12
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				9
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	1		3
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				1
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				1
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1	1	3
" deceased		1		1
" canonically resident, October, 1, 1877				3
Presbyters ordained		1		1
" received	3		8	11
" transferred	2			2
" deceased		1		1
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				14

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 14; Deacons, 3; Total	18
Number of Clergy receiving missionary stipends	9
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874	14

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized		1	1	2
“ admitted into union with Convention		1		1
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				15
“ “ not in union with Convention				1
Whole number of Parishes				10
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				15
Number of organized Missions				3
“ unorganized Missions				5
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Whole number of Churches				14
“ “ Chapels				3
* Number of Free Churches and Chapels				17
Whole number of Rectories				9
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$87,700
“ “ Rectories				29,500
“ “ other Church property				10,000
“ “ Parochial endowments				5,500
Total value of Church property				132,700
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				591
Baptisms — Infants	69	209	203	471
Adults	12	12	51	75
Total number of Baptisms	81	221	254	556
Confirmations	69	89	212	360
Marriages	22	45	21	88
Burials	21	31	74	126
Communicants — Added by removal	36	17	45	98
Added by admission	32	49	78	159
Whole number added	68	66	123	257
Removed	35	39	52	126
Died	4	30	10	44
Present number				1,134
Sunday Schools — Teachers				134
Scholars				1,254
Parish Schools: — Number of				3
“ Teachers				7

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund:—				
Assessments and contributions	\$1,835 00	\$1,835 00	\$1,608 74	\$5,278 74
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual Expenditures	156 89	140 18	292 18	589 25
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	35 00	25 00	1,545 60	1,605 60
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	56 00	69 35	267 50	392 85
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings		60 00	17 80	77 80
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial				50,000 00
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention	7	6	5	18

* Every Church and Chapel in the Diocese is forever FREE.

DIOCESE OF FOND DU LAC.

THE RT. REV. J. H. HOBART BROWN, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	6	6
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877	6
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	1
Number of Candidates, October 1, 1877	1
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Presbyters received	1	2	5	8
“ transferred	1	2	3	6
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877	27
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877 :—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 27; Total	28
Number of Clergy without Cures	4
“ “ “ receiving missionary stipends	11

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes admitted into union with Convention	1	.....	.....	3
Missions “ “ “ “ “ “	1	.....	4	5
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention	20
“ “ Missions “ “ “ “	7
“ “ Parishes not in union with Convention	1
“ “ Missions not in union with Convention	2
Whole number of Parishes	21
Number of organized Missions	9
“ unorganized “	13
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1	.....	.....	1
Whole number of Churches	27
“ “ Chapels	16
“ “ Sitings	8,315
Number of Free Churches and Chapels	42
“ “ Sitings	7,915
Whole number of Rectories	11
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels	\$111,700
“ “ Rectories	20,700
“ “ other Church property	68,786
Total value of Church property	201,186
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	22,857

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported to the Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,174
Whole number of souls reported . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,042
Baptisms—Infants	223	237	287	747
Adults	47	60	87	194
Total number of Baptisms	270	297	374	941
Confirmations	128	220	240	588
Marriages	75	50	62	187
Burials	151	108	159	418
Communicants—Whole number added	193	522	330	1,045
Removed	199	156	117	472
Died	17	16	22	55
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,882
Sunday Schools—Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	192
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,583
Parish Schools—Number of . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8
Pupils . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	167

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL. — Cadle Home, Green Bay. Organized 1872. Number of inmates, 1876, 69; 1877, 58: total, 127.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS. — Cadle Home, Green Bay. Organized 1872. Number of inmates, 1876, 34; 1877, 40: total, 74.

CHURCH HOME FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM. — Cadle Home, Green Bay. Inmates, 1876, 2; 1877, 6: total, 8.

Total income of Cadle Home, 1875, \$1,500; 1876, \$4,983.40; 1877, \$1,825.31: total, \$8,308.71.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL REVENUES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms Reported	\$523 22	\$516 23	\$449 64	\$1,494 09
Episcopal Fund:				
Amount of Capital Invested . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	15,129, 25
Annual Income from Endowments	445 90	941 19	1,086 31	2,473 40
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and Contingent Expenses)—Annual Expenditure	245 25	2,045 24	2,852 66	5,143 15
Annual Offerings	781 95	571 64	3,320 15	4,673 64
Domestic Missions—Annual Offerings	37 91	42 61	173 20	253 72
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual Offerings . . . . .	.....	14 69	25 50	40 19
Indian Missions—Annual Offerings	52 36	39 78	24 39	116 53
Foreign Missions—Annual Offerings	20 95	14 53	69 01	104 49
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds—Annual Offerings (including offerings for widows and orphans of Clergy)	149 16	233 26	169 96	552 48
Miscellaneous and unspecified Charities	1,501 00	5,021 29	1,917 85	8,440 14
Total Capitals Invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	15,129 25
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses" (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses). . . . .	.....	.....	.....	23,290 04
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	85,843 36
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention for the year	2	3	2	7

DIOCESE OF GEORGIA.

THE RT. REV. JOHN WATRUS BECKWITH, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Whole number of Lay Readers holding licenses October 1, 1877				12
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	3	1	5
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				4
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				3
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1		2
“ received		1		1
“ transferred			2	2
“ deceased			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				4
Presbyters ordained	2	3	2	7
“ received	4			4
“ transferred	2	3	7	12
“ deposed	1			1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				23
Whole number Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 23; Deacons, 4; Total				28
Number without Cure				7
Whole number reported to Convention of 1874				37

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Number of Parishes reported to the General Convention of 1874				37
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1	3		4
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	514	440	420	1,374
Adults	150	131	110	391
Total number of Baptisms	664	571	530	1,765
Confirmations reported	420	339	284	1,043
Marriages	212	94	74	380
Burials	204	237	234	675
Communicants—Whole number added	458	437	437	1,362
Removed	176	85	213	474
Died	49	66	63	178
Present number reported	3,953	4,259	4,339	
Sunday Schools—Teachers				332
Scholars				2,498
Parish Schools—Number of				4
Teachers				5
Pupils				202

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS.—Appleton Church Home, Mobile.
Inmates, Sisters, 3; children, 25.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$3,953 93	\$3,327 19	\$2,983 35	\$10,264 47
Bishop's salary paid by assessments . . .	5,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00	13,000 00
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	10,560 00	9,600 00	9,956 97	. . . . .
Annual income from endowments . . .	441 00	879 13	419 50	. . . . .
Annual income from assessments, and contributions	397 01	329 99	257 86	. . . . .
Total income	838 01	1,209 12	677 36	2,724 49
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses).—Annual expen- diture	937 94	831 15	751 77	2,520 86
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings . .	3,058 46	3,129 91	3,679 91	9,868 28
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings . .	454 79	593 47	280 55	1,328 82
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings . .	148 57	331 02	355 04	834 63
Aged and infirm Clergy funds—Annual offerings	294 55	215 00	195 11	704 66
Widows and Orphans of Clergy:—				
Amount of capital invested	8,235 05	8,712 98	9,699 16	. . . . .
Annual income from investments dur- ing the year	535 50	448 00	553 00	. . . . .
Annual income from offerings	364 16	368 75	204 72	. . . . .
Total	899 66	816 75	757 72	2,474 13
Miscellaneous and Unspecified Charities: Annual contributions	50,670 83	55,410 38	51,215 59	157,296 80
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer- ings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (includ- ing salaries of clergymen and parochial expenses)				203,085 29

DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM E. McLAREN, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	6	33	66	105
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877 . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	40
Candidates for Holy Orders (including Postulants) ad- mitted	5	6	12	23
Present number of Candidates (including Postulants), October 1, 1877 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	17

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained		6	4	10
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				9
Presbyters ordained	3	4	3	10
“ received	9	8	15	32
“ transferred	17	5	10	32
“ deceased		3		■
“ received from Roman obedience	1			1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				91

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 91; Deacons, 9; Total 101

Number receiving missionary stipends 23

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 91

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	4	■	1	5
“ admitted into union with Convention	■	1	2	6
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	■	■	1
Consecrations	■	4	4	8
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported to the Convention	3,811	4,065	4,401	■
Number of individuals not included in families	2,820	2,650	1,882	■
Whole number of souls reported	18,379	18,740	20,512	■
Baptisms—Infants	1,175	1,092	955	3,222
Adults	146	185	260	591
Total number of Baptisms	1,321	1,277	1,215	3,813
Confirmations reported	211	906	904	2,021
Marriages “	335	338	296	969
Burials “	458	535	394	1,387
Communicants—Added by removal	339	404	372	1,115
Added by admission	243	689	904	1,841
Whole number added	587	1,093	1,276	2,956
Removed	475	676	615	1,766
Died	64	99	82	245
Present number	■	■	■	8,100
Sunday Schools—Teachers	■	■	■	869
Scholars	■	■	■	7,473

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. Number of inmates, 1875, 261; 1876, 263; 1877, 294; total, 818. Amount of endowment, \$44,000, in real estate. Income from charity, 1875, \$9,242.25; 1876, \$10,340.46; 1877, \$10,239.35.

CHURCH HOME.—Lindsay Church Home, Quincy, for the Sick and Aged.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—St. Mary's School, Knoxville. Number of teachers, 10; pupils, 101.

COLLEGIATE.—Jubilee College, Robin's Nest.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Diocesan Missions — Annual Offerings. .	\$1,265 13	\$1,699 99	\$4,095 63	\$7,060 44
Domestic Missions — Annual Offerings. .	986 00	693 00	1,354 69	3,033 69
Home Missions for Colored People — Annual Offerings.	12 00	26 00	102 00	140 00
Indian Missions — Annual Offerings . .	58 00	53 00	122 94	231 94
Foreign Missions — Annual Offerings . .	375 00	199 00	262 97	836 97
Education for the Ministry — Annual Offerings	300 00	400 00	900 00	1,600 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds — Annual Offerings	525 46	597 29	437 14	1,559 89
Miscellaneous and Unspecified Charities — Annual contributions (including salaries and parochial expenses)	198,636 04	211,679 62	212,420 78	622,736 44

DIOCESE OF INDIANA.

THE RT. REV. JOSEPH C. TALBOT, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed		9	12	21
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				12
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	5	3	10
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				3
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations		1	3	4
“ received	2	1	1	4
“ deposed			1	1
“ transferred			1	1
Presbyters ordained	5		5	10
“ received	5	8	5	18
“ instituted		2		2
“ transferred	9	8	9	26
“ deceased			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				30

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 30; Total 31

Number of Clergy without Cure 2

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 4

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	42
Number of organized Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	4
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1	.....	1	2
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	46
“ “ Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5
“ “ Sitings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	9,800
“ “ Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	18
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	\$590,000
“ “ Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	65,000
Other Church property . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	60,000
Total value of . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	715,000
Amount of indebtedness on . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	39,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	264	327	368	1,159
Adults	82	130	147	359
Total number of Baptisms . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,518
Confirmations	206	338	338	882
Marriages	101	114	80	295
Burials	213	173	191	577
Communicants, added by removal	256	.....	200	456
“ “ admission	198	.....	325	523
Whole number added	454	.....	525	978
Removed	342	.....	174	516
Died	50	.....	95	145
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3,566
Sunday Schools—Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	450
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	4,000

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund—Capital invested . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	\$45,000
Income from	\$4,220	\$3,000	\$2,500	9,720
Assessments and contributions	430	.....	400	830
Total income . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	10,550
Annual Diocesan expenditures	5,050	.....	4,950	10,000
Total of all other offerings	104,000	.....	50,000	154,000
Number of Parishes not reporting to the Convention	12	.....	9	.....

In addition to the above Report, it may be said that the Diocese of Indiana during the last three years has felt severely the financial paralysis which has arrested the activity of the whole country.

But, by the blessing of the Divine Head of the Church upon the untiring efforts of the Bishop of this Diocese, seconded by the zealous co-operation of his Clergy and Laity, the Church, in her pious and sacred work, in many respects is in advance of any position she has previously occupied.

The number of Baptized and Confirmed has largely increased, manifestly indicating that the efforts put forth were approved of God.

Since the last Triennial Report the Church in this Diocese has had some things to try her, but many others to make her joyful and glad.

She begins to embrace the work which lies before her in its wider and larger aspect. We hope that God will crown her efforts with ultimate success.

DIOCESE OF IOWA.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed		4	19	23
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				14
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted		1	2	3
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				4
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				5
Deacons ordained on one examination	2	1	2	5
“ received			2	■
“ licenses withdrawn			2	2
“ deposed			3	3
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				3
Presbyters ordained	■		5	7
“ received		6	5	11
“ transferred	7	3	4	14
“ deceased		1		1
“ suspended			1	1
“ deposed			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				40

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 40; Deacons, 3; Total	44
Number without Cure	6
“ receiving missionary stipends	12
Whole number reported to Convention of 1874	37

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized		3	1	4
“ admitted into union with Convention			2	2
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				55
“ “ not in union with “				1
Whole number of Parishes				56
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				*56
“ of organized Missions				12
“ “ unorganized “				16

* Ten Parishes reported to the Convention of 1874 have been dropped from the list, agreeably to action of the Convention, as essentially defunct.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1	2	3	
Whole number of Churches				46
“ “ “ Chapels				12
“ “ “ Sittings				11,566
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				38
“ “ “ Sittings				8,001
Whole number of Rectories				9
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$341,150
“ “ “ Rectories				20,000
“ “ “ other Church property				50,208
“ “ “ Parochial Endowments				6,000
“ total value of Church Property				426,358
Amount of indebtedness on Church Property				34,399 39
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of Families reported				2,351
Whole number of souls reported				9,033
Baptisms—Infants	251	275	342	868
“ Adults	40	46	185	271
Total number of Baptisms	291	321	527	1,139
Confirmations reported	81	25	528	634
Marriages	94	96	88	278
Burials	121	151	165	437
Communicants—Whole number added	251	214	645	1,110
“ “ lost	264	338	183	785
Present number				3,417
Sunday Schools—Teachers				452
“ Scholars				3,542
Parish Schools—Number of				2
“ Teachers				4
“ Pupils, Males				8
“ Females				65
“ Total				73

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—Cottage Hospital, St. Paul's Parish, Des Moines. Organized 1875. Number of inmates, 1876, 5; 1877, 35; total, 40. Annual income from charity, 1876, \$430.35; 1877, \$319.33; total, \$749.68.

CHURCH HOME.—Iowa Christian Home, Davenport. (Temporarily suspended.) Endowment, \$3,200. Income therefrom, 1877, \$192.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—Griswold College, Davenport. Preparatory department. Number of teachers, 3. Pupils (males), 50.

COLLEGIATE.—Griswold College, Davenport. Academic and Scientific Department. (Reopened, Sept., 1877.) Number of officers of instruction and government, 8. Number of students, 1875, 3; 1876, 5; 1877, 2. Whole number of graduates, 27; whole number of graduates who have entered the Ministry of the Church, 9. Volumes in library, 5,500.

THEOLOGICAL.—Griswold Cottage, Davenport. Theological Department. Number of professors and instructors, 4. Number of students, 1875, 3; 1876, 3; 1877, 4. Whole number of alumni, 21. Amount of endowments of Griswold College in its several departments, \$213,184.65.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Riverside Institute, Lyons. Teachers, 7. Pupils, males, 72; females, 75; total, 147. Value of property, \$5,000. Seabury School, Des Moines. Teachers, 4. Pupils, females, 55.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported			\$1,379 39	\$1,379 39
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	*\$32,383 37	*\$39,906 08	*40,346 08	
Annual income from endowments	1,214 64	1,813 34	2,006 36	5,634 34
" " assessments				
and contributions	3,004 72	2,490 32	3,203 40	8,698 44
Total income	4,219 36	4,303 66	5,209 76	13,732 78
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditures	478 58	729 83	546 33	1,754 79
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	1,175 91	1,692 15	2,270 17	5,138 23
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	174 92	174 64	437 07	786 63
Home Missions for Colored People—				
Annual offerings	13 50	24 28	25 75	63 53
Indian Missions—Annual offerings	49 00	76 28	66 28	181 56
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	325 90	306 28	243 95	876 13
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	212 23	207 56	378 33	798 12
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese:—				
Invested capital, October 1, 1877				8,500 00
Annual income from investments			820 56	820 56
" " contributions and offerings	1,480 38	822 16	1,070 83	3,373 47
Miscellaneous Charities:—				
Capitals, October 1, 1877				7,000 00
Annual contributions and income	65,420 49	69,885 41	72,749 10	208,055 00
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial				235,184 65
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				276,139 63
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				79,050 99
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention	26	14	14	

* Exclusive of unsold lands (1762 54-100 acres, June 1, 1877), the value of which may be estimated at \$20,000 at least.

DIOCESE OF KANSAS.

THE RT. REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	3	2	2	7
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877	2	1	1	43
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	1	1	3
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877	2	1	1	2
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1	1	1
“ received	1	1	1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1 1877	1	1	1	1
Presbyters ordained	1	2	2	2
“ received	2	2	2	6
“ instituted	2	2	2	2
“ transferred	4	4	2	10
“ deposed	2	1	1	3
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877	2	1	1	19

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 19; Deacon, 1; Total 21

Number receiving missionary stipends 10

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	3	3	3	3
“ admitted into union with Convention	3	3	3	3
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention	3	3	3	25
“ “ “ not in union with Convention	3	3	3	6
Whole number of Parishes	3	3	3	31
Number of unorganized Missions	3	3	3	17
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	2	2	3	7
Whole number of Churches	2	2	3	20
“ “ Chapels	2	2	3	4
“ “ Rectories	2	2	3	6
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels	2	2	3	\$132,500
“ “ Rectories	2	2	3	20,500
Total value of Church property (excluding institutions)	2	2	3	153,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported	121	98	112	644
Number of individuals not included in families	38	24	47	139
Baptisms—Infants	121	98	112	331
Adults	38	24	47	109
Total number	159	122	159	440
Confirmations reported	70	67	133	270
Marriages “	81	31	29	141
Burials “	54	44	62	160
Communicants—Whole number added	112	119	206	437
Removed or died	70	44	133	247
Present number	42	75	73	1,275
Sunday Schools—Teachers	121	98	112	126
Scholars	38	24	47	897

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

COLLEGIATE. — College of the Sisters of Bethany, for girls, Topeka. Number of officers of instruction and government, 10. Number of students, 1875, 111; 1876, 80; 1877, 70. Number of volumes in library, 700. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$12,000.

THEOLOGICAL. — Kansas Theological School, Topeka. Number of professors and instructors, 2. Number of students, 1876, 2; 1877, 1. Number of volumes in library, 3,000. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$20,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$149 98	\$261 49	\$426 36	\$837 83
Episcopal Fund: —				
Amount of capital invested				18,000 00
Annual income from endowments				1,800 00
" " assessments and				
contributions				400 00
Total income				2,200 00
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and				
contingent expenses) — Annual expend-				
iture	250 00	250 00	250 00	750 00
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings . .	237 12	118 32	459 10	814 54
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings . .			110 13	110 13
Home Missions for Colored People — An-				
nual offerings			14 15	14 15
Indian Missions — Annual offerings . . .			16 25	16 25
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . . .			87 64	87 64
Education for the Ministry — Annual offer-				
ings			20 00	20 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds — Annual				
offerings			40 50	40 50
Total amount of salaries and parochial ex-				
penses				15,210 75

DIOCESE OF KENTUCKY.

THE RT. REV. BENJAMIN BOSWORTH SMITH, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

THE RT. REV. THOMAS U. DUDLEY, D.D., ASSISTANT BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed		14	8	22
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				22
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	6	2	1	9
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				9
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1	2	4
“ received		■	1	3
“ deceased		1		1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				■
Presbyters ordained			1	1
“ received	3	6	2	11
“ transferred	2	4	4	10
“ deceased		2		■
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				32

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishops, 2; Presbyters, 32; Deacons, 6; Total 40

Number of Clergy without cure 8

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 14

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 50

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				35
Whole number of Parishes				35
Number of organized Missions				5
“ unorganized Missions				32
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations			2	2
Whole number of Churches				36
“ “ Chapels				7
“ “ Sittings				14,320
“ “ Free Churches and Chapels				27
“ “ Rectories				9
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$539,246 04
“ “ Rectories				45,000 00
“ “ other Church property				9,300 00
Total value of Church property				593,546 04
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				52,356 38

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				1,500
Whole number of souls reported				7,500
Baptisms—Infants	478	419	403	1,290
Adults	122	122	111	355
Total number of Baptisms	590	539	514	1,653
Confirmations reported	395	410	410	1,215
Marriages reported	100	131	112	343
Burials	223	208	209	640
Communicants—Added by removal		95	93	188
“ admission		305	261	566
Whole number	277	405	376	1,058
Removed	196	215	339	750
Died	36	41	48	125
Present number				4,336
Sunday Schools—Teachers				394
Scholars				3,938
Parish Schools—Number of				4
Teachers				4
Pupils				151

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

THE P. E. ORPHAN ASYLUM, Louisville. Founded A.D. 1837. Average number of inmates, from 40 to 50. Has an endowment fund of \$30,000, from which about \$2,000 is realized, and owns property to the amount of \$20,000. \$2,000 in voluntary offerings are secured annually for its maintenance.

THE HANNA ORPHAN ASYLUM (for orphan girls), Frankfort. Has an endowment fund of \$5,000 and a good property. Present number of inmates, 6.

THE ORPHANAGE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (for boys), Louisville. Founded A.D. 1869. Value of property, including building, \$21,000. Has no endowment and is supported by voluntary offerings. Average yearly number of inmates, since foundation, 38. A printing establishment is connected with the institution, and the Diocesan paper, “The Chronicle,” is printed by the boys of the house.

MINNETT ORPHAN ASYLUM.—Founded by Julius Minnett, deceased, 1870, for the benefit of orphan children, without regard to sex or color. Has money and lands to the amount of \$10,000.

THE CHURCH HOME AND INFIRMARY (projected), Louisville, has land to the amount of \$8,000.

THE PROTESTANT INFIRMARY (projected), Louisville, is collecting a fund, and has in hand \$2,000.

SISTERHOOD OF ST. MARTHA.—Founded by the Assistant Diocesan, A. D. 1875. The present force consists of: Sisters, 2; Associates, 2; Probationers, 2; who are engaged in caring for and educating forty orphan lads, and carrying on a day school in the eastern portion of the city. The Order has property given entirely by its members to the amount of \$4,500.

RECAPITULATION.

Orphan Asylums in operation.....	3
“ “ projected.....	1
Total	4
Home and Infirmary projected.....	1
Infirmary projected.....	1
Diocesan Sisterhood, number of workers set apart.....	6
Number of children in Orphanages	76
“ engaged in their care.....	10
Endowment fund.....	\$36,000
Value of other property.....	69,500
Total	\$105,500

The above amount is *not* included in the financial statement given in accompanying Report.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THEOLOGICAL. — P. E. Theological Seminary. Funds and library in Louisville. Number of volumes in library, 1,600. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$16,883.60.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. — Christ Church Seminary (for girls), Lexington. Christ Church Seminary (for girls), Louisville. Dudley Female Institute, Frankfort. Whole number of teachers, 18; pupils, 200; whole number of alumnae, 150.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$3,377 60	\$2,868 96	\$2,639 53	\$8,876 09
Episcopal Fund — Annual income from assessments and contributions	3,600 81	4,318 55	5,224 76	13,144 12
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings (including income from capital invested, legacies, etc.)	2,964 47	2,281 72	3,244 31	8,490 50
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings . .	1,490 32	1,295 50	695 65	3,481 47
Indian Missions — Annual offerings	• • • • •	25 60	17 44	43 04
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . .	647 04	981 17	703 10	2,331 21
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	1,482 72	• • • • •	• • • • •	1,482 72
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities — Annual contributions	2,359 47	1,146 55	2,205 78	5,711 80
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., “for pious and charitable uses,” for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	159,650 51
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	159,323 76
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention	12	10	7	• • • • •

DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND.

THE RT. REV. ABRAM NEWKIRK LITTLEJOHN, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	16	15	14	45
Present number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				14
Deaconesses admitted	1		5	6
Present number of Deaconesses, October 1, 1877				17
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	3	2	2	7
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				1
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				10
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	2	1		3
" " three examinations	5	4	3	12
" received	1	2	1	4
" transferred	2	2	1	5
" deposed	1			1
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				8
Presbyters ordained	4	2	4	10
" received	6	6	4	16
" instituted	1			1
" transferred	6	5	8	19
" deceased		2		2
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				83

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 83; Deacons, 8; Total	92
Number of Clergy without cure	16
Number of Clergy engaged in teaching and having no cure	2
Whole number of Clergy reported to the Convention of 1874	90

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes admitted into union with Convention	2	1		3
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				65
" " " not in union with Convention,				7
Whole number of Parishes				72
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				69
Number of organized Missions				22
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1			1
Whole number of Churches				72
" " Chapels				21
" " Free Churches and Chapels				34
" " Rectories				29

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported	6,193	6,159	5,943	•••••
Whole number of souls reported	25,733	25,304	23,929	•••••
Baptisms—Infants	1,701	1,753	1,597	5,051
Adults	230	190	389	809
Total number of Baptisms	1,931	1,952	1,986	5,919
Confirmations reported	1,266	233	1,882	3,351
Marriages	509	413	406	1,328
Burials	1,258	1,256	1,269	3,783
Communicants—Added by removal	809	69	653	2,062
Added by admission	1,067	329	1,180	2,576
Whole number added	1,867	938	1,833	4,638
Removed	686	750	546	1,982
Died	217	166	183	566
Present number	•••••	•••••	•••••	13,638
Sunday Schools—Teachers	2,018	2,022	2,110	•••••
Scholars	14,689	14,883	14,688	•••••
Parish Schools—Number of	20	21	20	•••••
Teachers	185	167	203	•••••
Pupils, Males	52	144	122	•••••
Female	1,320	1,065	1,460	•••••
Total number of Pupils	1,372	1,209	1,582	•••••

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH CHARITY FOUNDATION, BROOKLYN, comprising:—

1. The Orphan House, organized March 13, 1851; number of inmates averages 80; contributions towards new wing lately erected, \$18,190.03.

2. The Home for Aged Indigent Females, Aged Men, and Aged Married Couples, organized 1851; number of beneficiaries averages 50; amount of endowment, \$40,000; income from endowment, \$2,800 annually; income from charity for orphans and aged, for the year ending 1875, \$20,028.01; 1876, \$15,162.12; 1877, \$22,624.08.

3. St. John's Hospital, organized June, 1871; number of patients, during the year ending 1875, 116; 1876, 93; 1877, 120; amount of endowment, beds, \$9,000; income from charity for the year ending 1875, \$6,053.44; 1876, \$4,551.72; 1877, \$3,424.15; amount donated for memorial chapel, \$12,737.53; towards new hospital now being erected, \$12,000.

4. Atlantic Avenue Dispensary: about 5,500 patients are received annually for relief; 250 are visited at their houses, and 8,000 prescriptions are distributed.

CHURCH HOMES.—Sheltering Arms, Brooklyn; organized April 13, 1870; annual income, \$7,500; number of inmates, 50.

Deaconesses' House, used also as a school for girls.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—St. Paul's Hall (number of teachers, 6), and St. Mary's Hall (number of teachers, 3), on the Cathedral Foundation, Garden City. Inaugurated, Sept. 19, 1877. St. Catharine's Hall, Brooklyn Inaugurated Sept. 21, 1877; number of teachers, 4. Orphan School, Church Charity Foundation, Brooklyn; number of teachers, 2. St. Paul's Parish School, Glen Cove; number of teachers, 3. Grace Church Parish School, Brooklyn Heights. St. Mary's Parish School, Brooklyn. Emmanuel Church Parish School, Brooklyn. St. Mark's Rectory School, Islip.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Young Ladies' Seminary, Flushing. St. Alban's Hall, Brooklyn. Lafayette Academy, Brooklyn.

Within a few months a Cathedral edifice, now in process of erection at Garden City, has been proffered to the Diocese by Mrs. Alexander T. Stewart, designed to be an enduring memorial of the late Mr. Stewart, and when completed to pass into the hands of a corporate body, of which the Bishop is the head, known as "The Cathedral of the Incarnation"; with the expressed "intention, upon the consecration of the building and its occupation as the Cathedral Church, to provide a suitable fund by way of endowment for its permanent maintenance as such, also to furnish a residence to be occupied by the Bishop, and in other ways make the edifice and its appendages in every respect appropriate and complete for Cathedral purposes."

The corner-stone was laid on the 28th of June, 1877; and two schools, St. Paul's and St. Mary's Halls, were inaugurated on the 19th of September following, as parts of the contemplated work on the Cathedral foundation.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$16,279 00	\$13,945 00	\$12,881 00	\$43,105 00
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	54,243 88	54,273 88	54,749 19	163,267 75
Annual income from endowments	3,473 75	3,994 92	3,541 64	11,010 31
" " assessments and contributions	3,168 34	2,992 24	2,753 03	8,913 61
Total income	6,642 09	6,987 16	6,299 67	19,928 92
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure	1,295 18	914 00	845 41	3,054 59
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings (including income from capital invested, legacies, etc.)	5,121 24	4,239 78	6,926 29	16,287 31
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	17,172 00	12,140 00	10,823 00	40,135 00
Home Missions for Colored People — Annual offerings	1,072 00	2,074 00	2,289 00	5,435 00
Indian Missions — Annual offerings	1,710 00	2,378 00	2,247 00	6,335 00
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	6,932 00	4,203 00	4,474 00	15,609 00
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	4,030 00	4,530 00	2,201 00	10,761 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested	26,996 49	29,308 75	31,261 77	87,567 01
Annual income from investment	1,546 89	1,867 66	2,002 43	5,416 98
Annual offerings	2,168 51	1,760 92	1,618 34	5,547 77
Total	3,715 40	3,628 58	3,620 77	11,964 75
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities:—				
Annual contributions	25,000 00	25,000 00	25,000 00	75,000 00
Total capital invested for Church purposes				406,010 96
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				697,691 29
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				753,417 00
Number of Parishes not reporting to the Convention	5	4	6	

DIOCESE OF MAINE.

THE RT. REV. HENRY ADAMS NEELY, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	5	.....	6
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
Number reported at the General Convention of 1874 . . . .	.....	.....	.....	4
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination . . . . .	.....	1	2	3
“ “ three examinations	1	.....	2	3
“ received . . . . .	.....	.....	2	2
“ transferred	1	.....	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
Presbyters ordained	1	1	1	3
“ received	2	2	1	5
“ transferred	4	5	4	13
“ deceased . . . . .	.....	1	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	18

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 18; Deacons, 6; Total 25

Number of Clergy without cure 3

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 35

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 23

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Conven- tion	21
Whole number of Parishes	21
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874	21
Number of organized Missions	11
“ unorganized Missions	7
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	1
Consecrations	2	.....	2
Whole number of Churches	29
“ “ Chapels	7
“ “ Sittings	8,072
“ “ Free Churches	26
“ “ Rectories	11
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels	\$296,975 00
“ “ Rectories	35,050 00
“ “ other Church property	7,000 00
“ “ parochial endowments	13,488 00
Total value of Church property	352,513 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property (paro- chial)	21,000 00

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported	1,634	1,623	1,623	4,880
“ individuals not included in families	511	525	523	1,559
Baptisms—Infants	246	274	203	723
Adults	53	87	64	204
Total number of Baptisms	299	361	272	932
Confirmations reported	182	146	124	452
Marriages	71	81	53	210
Burials	182	176	166	524
Communicants—Added by removal	61	127	61	249
“ admission	169	129	109	407
Whole number added	230	256	170	656
Removed	90	133	80	303
Died	43	39	38	119
Present number reported—Males	432	436	452	1,320
“ Females	1,380	1,420	1,448	4,208
Total (including not specified)	2,014	2,059	2,101	6,174
Sunday Schools—Teachers, Males	46	48	44	138
“ Females	171	142	136	449
Total (including not specified)	233	209	193	635
Scholars, Males	519	491	529	1,539
“ Females	856	722	860	2,438
Total (including not specified)	1,800	1,750	1,581	5,131
Parish Schools—Number of	2	2	1	5
Teachers	2	2	1	5
Pupils	44	30	30	104

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOME.—St. Mark's Home (for the aged and infirm), Augusta. Endowment (none aside from house and grounds), \$7,000. Income from charity, about \$1,200 per year.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—St. Catharine's Hall, Augusta. Diocesan School for Girls. Incorporated 1869. Number of teachers, 5. Number of pupils, 45. Endowment (none aside from buildings and grounds), \$20,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms (not specially appropriated otherwise) reported	\$774 79	.....	.....	\$774 79
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested, in addition to \$7,000 in Bishop's house . . . . .	.....	.....	\$14,153 55	.....
Annual income from endowments	837 34	\$1,062 32	1,144 13	3,093 79
“ “ assessments and contributions	269 00	.....	.....	269 00
Total income	1,156 34	1,062 32	1,144 13	3,362 79
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	203 55	345 79	148 91	698 25
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings (including income from capital invested, legacies, etc.)	2,078 57	1,764 72	2,097 66	5,940 95

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings .	\$242 15	\$279 23	\$224 54	\$745 97
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual offerings	1 30	.....	13 25	14 55
Indian Missions—Annual offerings . . .	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings . .	131 28	78 82	166 98	377 08
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	471 40	172 97	78 05	722 42
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities—Annual contributions	1,574 54	852 13	1,293 15	3,719 82
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general Diocesan, or parochial, not including real estate (buildings and grounds) which do not yield cash income . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	49,698 78
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses) . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	58,944 81
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	65,502 70
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention	1	2	3	.....

DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM ROLLINSON WHITTINGHAM, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM PINKNEY, D.D., LL.D., ASSISTANT BISHOP.

The sudden and alarming illness, last January, of the venerable Bishop of this Diocese spread quickly its cloud of gloom over our entire Communion. Almost as suddenly the cloud was broken, although for weeks the Bishop was confined to his chamber, and has not yet, perhaps, wholly regained the strength which he had before. To the goodness of that Providence which has mercifully spared his important life, the heart of a grateful Church responds to-day.

This serious drawback notwithstanding, the Diocese has, through the blessing of God upon the labours of its efficient Assistant Bishop and many active coworkers, grown in organized life and power, as the following statistics will help to show.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	7	15	9	31
Whole number holding licenses, June 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	18
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	8	7	5	20
Present number of Candidates, June 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	23
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	11

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	4	4	9
“ received	4	1	2	7
“ transferred	1	2	1	4
“ deposed	1	1	1	2
“ canonically resident, June 1, 1877	1	1	1	11
Presbyters ordained	8	1	4	13
“ received	16	14	9	39
“ instituted	1	1	1	1
“ transferred	15	12	9	36
“ deceased	3	6	5	14
“ canonically resident, June 1, 1877	1	1	1	144

Whole number of Clergy, June 1, 1877:—

Bishops, 2; Presbyters, 144; Deacons, 11; Total 157

Number of Clergy without cure 19

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure 1

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 29

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 147

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes to be organized by leave	3	1	1	4
“ admitted into union with Convention	3	3	2	8
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				134
Whole number of Parishes				134
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				120
Number of organized Missions				10
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	2	1	1	4
Consecrations	1	1	3	5
Whole number of Churches				121
“ “ “ Chapels				56
“ “ “ Sittings				43,729
“ “ “ Rectories				57
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$2,024,303
“ “ Rectories				273,200
“ “ other Church property				204,197
“ “ parochial endowments				84,626
Total value of Church property				2,586,323
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported to the Convention	5,269	6,579	6,216	18,064
Whole number of souls reported	27,210	29,324	28,078	84,612
Baptisms—Infants	2,132	2,130	2,189	6,451
Adults	313	325	353	992
Total number of Baptisms	2,445	2,456	2,542	7,443
Confirmations reported	1,190	1,576	1,512	4,278
Marriages	424	470	481	1,375
Burials	1,108	1,150	1,194	3,452
Communicants—Added by removal	533	617	691	1,841
“ admission	1,024	1,276	1,419	3,719
Whole number added	1,557	1,893	2,110	5,560
Removed	784	822	855	2,461
Died	245	250	265	760
Present number				17,878
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers	1,426	1,613	1,616	4,655
“ “ Scholars	12,056	13,214	13,864	39,134
Parish Schools—Number of Teachers	124	121	176	421
“ “ Pupils	1,779	1,826	2,093	5,698

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

Church Home and Infirmary of Baltimore City, organized 1854.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Number of Inmates	146	141	97	384
Amount of endowment (from which income is derived)	\$48,282 34	\$49,119 80	\$52,097 30	.....
Value of lot and buildings—estimated	125,000 00	125,000 00	125,000 00	.....
Income from endowment	2,398 70	2,448 71	1,393 39	6,240 80
Income from charity	10,558 14	8,437 12	8,097 80	27,093 06
Total income	17,302 05	14,559 49	11,502 50	42,364 04

As its title indicates, this institution affords relief both as a hospital and a home for the aged and infirm. In the hospital department a children's ward has been organized within the past six months.

The number of inmates given above includes all who have been admitted during the periods named. The average number of inmates is 54.

CHURCH ASYLUMS FOR ORPHANS.—St. Paul's Orphanage for girls, Baltimore City, organized 1799. Number of inmates, 1875, 40; 1876, 40; 1877, 40: total, 120. Amount of endowment, \$60,000. Annual income from endowment, 1875, \$3,800; 1876, \$3,800; 1877, \$3,800; annual income from charity, 1875, \$1,026; 1876, \$1,037.46; 1877, \$1,000; total income, \$14,463.46.

ST. PETER'S ASYLUM FOR FEMALE CHILDREN, on Myrtle Avenue, Baltimore, founded 1850. Inmates, 1875, 22; 1876, 22; 1877, 30. Endowment, \$5,300; income from endowment, 1875, \$300; 1876, \$300; 1877, \$300; income from charity, 1875, \$980; 1876, \$873; 1877, \$898: total income, \$3,651.

CHRIST CHURCH ASYLUM FOR FEMALE CHILDREN, located on N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, organized 1840. Number of inmates for the last three years, 24. Amount of endowment, \$4,575; annual income from endowment, 1875, \$305.62; 1876, \$343.75; annual income from charity, 1875, \$1,756.71; 1876, \$1,426.38: total income about \$4,000.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL ORPHAN HOUSE, for girls, located in Frederick, organized in 1840. Number of inmates, 1875, 12; 1876, 10; 1877, 7. Amount of endowment, house lot and \$20,000; annual income from endowment, 1875, \$1,083.79; 1876, \$1,481.42; 1877, \$1,542.65; annual income from charity, 1875, \$265; 1876, \$184.50; 1877, nothing: total, \$449.50.

CHURCH HOMES.—**ST. PETER'S CHURCH HOME**, on Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore. Object, "benefit of worthy widows and single women." Income from charity, 1875, \$471; 1876, \$435.86; 1877, \$351.32: total, \$1,258.38.

St. Paul's Parish has a Mission House, in which from 9 to 12 aged or poor persons are maintained, No. 153 Pearl Street, rented, and from which charity is distributed by an organized body of ladies of the congregation, furnishing work, food, and clothing to the poor.

EPIPHANY CHURCH HOME, Home for Aged Women, Washington, D. C. Income from charity, 1875, \$2,051.30; 1876, \$2,364.96; 1877, \$2,024.78: total income, \$6,441.24.

ST. JOHN'S HOME AND MISSION HOUSE, Washington, D. C. Annual expenditure, \$1,800.00; total expenditure, \$5,400.

EMMANUEL CHURCH HOME, Baltimore. Object, to furnish cheap board and supply work for needy women. Income from charity, 1875, \$1,800; 1876, \$1,850; 1877, \$2,000: total, \$5,650.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—THE HANNAH MORE ACADEMY, Reisterstown, Baltimore County. Founded by Mrs. Ann Neilson, and incorporated in 1832; received and accepted by the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland as the Diocesan school for girls, May 28, 1873. The Bishop and the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese are Visitors and members *ex-officio* of the Board of Trustees; the Rev. Arthur J. Rich, M.D., A.M., Rector. Teachers and officers, 10, pupils, average about 50. The amount of endowments, general and specific, are the necessary buildings, several acres of land, and \$4,000.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH SCHOOL FOR BOYS, located at No. 176 Saratoga Street, Baltimore. Three teachers; pupils, 1875, 55; 1876, 61; 1877, 70. Amount of endowment, the school buildings and land adjoining, worth some \$25,000. No graduates, and insignificant library.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, on Myrtle Avenue, Baltimore. Teacher, 1; pupils, females, 1875, 22; 1876, 22; 1877, 30. Endowment, \$27,000.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, located at Waverley, Baltimore County. Rev. Wm. T. Johnston, B.D., Rector. Teachers, 2; scholars (average for 3 years), 40. Endowment, money, \$6,000; value of buildings, etc., \$7,000.

ST. LUKE'S HALL, Parish school for girls. Rev. Charles W. Rankin, D.D., Rector. Number of teachers, 6 to 8; number of pupils, 130 to 150; number of volumes in library, 500. Amount of endowment, about \$1,000; endowment in land, estimated at \$10,000. Accumulated funds for school buildings, about \$12,000.

INCARNATION CHURCH SCHOOL, 1115 M Street, Washington, D.C., for young ladies and children. Rev. I. L. Townsend, D.D., Rector. Number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 1875, 49; 1876, 52; 1877, 56. Volumes in library, 175.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL, Baltimore. Conducted by the Sisters of All Saints, London, England. Connected with Mount Calvary Church.

PATAPSCO FEMALE INSTITUTE, Ellicott City. Mrs. Archer, Principal; the Rev. Mr. Crampton, Chaplain.

WAVERLEY SEMINARY, for young ladies, Prince George County, near the B. & O. R. R. Miss M. A. Keech, Principal.

ALNWICK FEMALE SEMINARY, Prince George County. The Misses Tyson, Principals.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SCHOOL, for boys, Harford County. Rev. W. F. Brand, Rector.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL, Churchville. Rev. E. A. Colburn, Rector.

THE BISHOP PINKNEY INSTITUTE, for young ladies, Washington, D.C. The Misses Burgess, Principals.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL, for boys, near Reisterstown. J. C. Kinear, A.M., Principal.

RECTORY HOUSE SCHOOL, for girls, Port Tobacco Parish. Miss Lewin, Principal.

COLLEGE OF ST. JAMES, Washington County. Henry Onderdonk, A. M., Principal. The Bishop, Visitor. For the present the collegiate department is suspended, but conducted as a grammar school. The libraries contain nearly 11,000 volumes. Number of teachers, 8; number of pupils, males, 46. Amount of endowment, 31 acres of land, and ample and convenient buildings.

ST. ANNA'S HALL, Brookville, Montgomery County. Rev. Orlando Hutton, D.D., Rector. A Church school for young ladies and girls. Teachers, 4; pupils, from 15 to 20.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$25,690 59	26,317 98	\$26,023 57	\$78,032 14
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	37,747 38	37,853 16	37,676 41	113,277 95
Annual income from endowments	1,544 47	1,818 39	1,641 64	5,004 50
" assessments and				
contributions	1,500 00	1,250 00	1,100 00	3,850 00
Total income	3,044 47	3,068 39	2,741 64	8,854 50
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and				
contingent expenses)—Annual expend-				
iture	8,517 18	8,929 45	6,827 04	24,273 67
*Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings				
(including income from capital invested,				
legacies, etc.)	7,410 22	5,471 14	7,206 67	20,088 03
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	11,160 45	9,924 19	11,763 75	32,848 39
Home Missions for Colored People—An-				
nual offerings	376 53	849 61	416 00	1,642 23
Indian Missions—Annual offerings	120 39	444 62	736 21	1,301 22
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	5,892 89	5,173 23	6,582 52	17,648 64
Education for the Ministry—Annual of-				
ferings	7,231 48	10,064 42	6,507 41	23,803 31
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested				12,200 00
Annual income from investments	732 00	725 27	724 75	2,182 02
Annual offerings	433 00	651 26	743 63	1,833 95
Total	1,165 00	1,382 53	1,468 44	4,015 97
Widows and Orphans of Clergy:—				
Amount of capital invested				168,538 42
Annual income from investments	9,157 28	9,004 05	9,297 50	27,458 83
Annual income from offerings	322 40	270 00	283 60	876 00
Total	9,479 68	9,274 05	9,581 10	28,334 83
†Other "Benevolent and Missionary As-				
sociations of Churchmen within the				
Diocese":—				
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities —				
Annual contributions	51,941 38	53,371 99	41,627 98	146,941 35
Total capitals invested for Church pur-				
poses, general, diocesan, or parochial				3,076,661 00
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer-				
ings, etc., "for pious and charitable				
uses," for three years last past (not in-				
cluding salaries of Clergymen and pa-				
rochial expenses)				479,627 91
Total amount of parochial expenses				715,900 89
Number of Parishes not reporting to Con-				
vention	14	5	12	31

* There is a good deal contributed towards the support of missions and feeble churches in the Diocese, outside of the Mission Committee. Thus in Baltimore City, St. Paul's expends over \$2,000 a year in aiding St. John the Baptist, St. Matthew's and St. James' African churches. Grace Church takes special charge of the "Memorial Church of the Holy Comforter," and the "Mission to Deaf Mutes," and expends \$1,500 towards their support. "Henshaw Memorial" is under the care of St. Peter's Church which expends toward its support \$1,250 yearly. "The Chapel of the Holy Trinity" is cared for by Emmanuel and Memorial Churches, at an expense of about \$1,000 to each. Emmanuel has also charge of "Howard Chapel," and expends over \$2,000 a year towards its support. Christ Church has expended for the Church of the Holy Innocents, which is under its care, 1875, \$1,800; 1876-7, \$6,000; total, \$7,800. St. Luke's Church continues under its charge and support "The Chapel of the Holy Cross," as also two missions, one for colored, and one for whites. Mount Calvary has two flourishing missions under its care for colored people, one worshipping in the "Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin," and the other in the "Chapel of the Epiphany," a building formerly abandoned by the Roman Catholics. In the District of Columbia St. John's Church has the care and support of the "Chapel of the Holy Communion," at an expense of about \$1,500 per annum, while Christ and St. John's Churches, Georgetown, sustain "Grace Church," in that city. St. Anne's, Annapolis, has a mission under its charge, and expends about \$400 per annum. About one thousand dollars have been contributed by parishes within the convocation of Washington, for carrying on the colored missions within its limits.

† "Committee of Religious Instruction" in charge of funds for the distribution of Bibles and Prayer Books, and aiding parochial schools: annual offerings, 1875, \$741.02; 1876,

DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE RT. REV. BENJAMIN HENRY PADDOCK, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	50	49	55	154
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				64
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				38
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	9	4	8	21
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				11
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				9
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	2	4	4	10
“ received	3	1		4
“ transferred		2		2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				8
Presbyters ordained	7	4	1	12
“ received	14	18		38
“ instituted	■	2		4
“ transferred	8	11	7	26
“ deceased	1	2	2	5
“ deposed	1	1	1	3
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				144

Whole number of Clergy on the 1st of October, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 144; Deacons, 6; Total	151
Number of Clergy without cure	31
Number of Clergy engaged in teaching and having no cure	6
Number of Clergy receiving missionary stipends	25
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874	135

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	3	2	4	9
“ admitted into union with Convention	5	1		6
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention,				98
“ “ “ not in union with Conv'n				8
Whole number of Parishes				106
Number of organized Missions				12
“ unorganized Missions				12

\$615.47; 1877. \$645.33; total, \$2,001.82. “The Church Association of the Diocese of Maryland,” in the city of Baltimore; object, the performance by laymen of church work not strictly clerical, and has a corporate capacity to hold property for any church or charity. During the last three years, among other excellent work, it has raised by subscription \$600 per year to defray the expenses of the Church rooms; three mission points are supplied with Church Services by several of its members who style themselves “Lay Workers of the Church Association.” They raise for this purpose over \$1,000 per annum by subscriptions.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	3	1	4	8
Consecrations	4	4	6	14
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	111
" " Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	14
" " Sittings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	48,000
Number of Free Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	40
Whole number of Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	32
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2,692,000
" " Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	160,000
" " other Church property . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	175,000
" " parochial endowments . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	94,000
Total value of Church property . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3,121,000
Amount of indebtedness on Church property . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	102,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms — Infants	1,479	1,722	1,624	4,825
Adults	308	415	419	1,142
Total number of Baptisms	1,787	2,137	2,043	5,967
Confirmations reported	1,154	1,312	1,276	3,742
Marriages	525	606	523	1,554
Burials	795	1,133	1,061	2,989
Communicants — Whole number added	1,233	1,487	1,528	4,248
Removed or died	685	640	878	2,203
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	14,879
Sunday Schools — Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,548
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	12,174

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—St. Luke's Home for Convalescents, Boston. Number of inmates, 1875, 75; 1876, 91; 1877, 74: total, 240. Amount of endowment, \$1,000; annual income from endowment, 1875, \$60; 1876, \$60; 1877, \$60. Annual income from charity, 1875, \$5,311; 1876, \$5,989; 1877, \$5,500. Total income, 1875, \$5,371; 1876, \$6,049; 1877, \$5,560.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS.—Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, South Boston. Organized 1856. Number of inmates, 1875, 90; 1876, 100; 1877, 100: total, 290. Amount of endowment, \$28,665. Annual income from endowment, 1875, \$1,962; 1876, \$1,763; 1877, \$1,800. Annual income from charity, 1875, \$7,500; 1876, \$7,036; 1877, \$7,000: total income, 1875, \$9,462; 1876, \$8,799; 1877, \$8,800.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—St. Mark's School, Southborough. Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 51.

THEOLOGICAL.—Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge. Number of professors and instructors, 4; number of students, 1875, 15; 1876, 17; 1877, 14. Whole number of alumni, 35. Number of volumes in libraries, 2,500. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$320,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$17,859 07	\$22,540 25	\$16,211 38	\$56,610 70
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	84,001 88	85,173 01	86,551 51	255,726 40
Annual income from endowments	5,040 00	5,110 00	5,193 00	15,243 00
" " assessments and				
contributions	3,068 03	2,581 18	2,808 59	8,457 80
Total	8,108 03	7,691 18	8,001 59	23,801 30
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	2,581 13	1,840 32	1,756 21	6,377 66
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings (including income from capital invested, legacies, etc.)	10,455 51	12,873 03	11,771 71	35,299 25
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	8,335 12	6,928 29	6,133 12	21,396 53
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual offerings	441 74	1,091 03	391 86	1,935 53
Indian Missions—Annual offerings	4,449 61	3,704 69	3,926 61	12,080 91
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	6,310 72	9,222 84	7,218 62	22,762 18
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	4,652 20	4,819 33	3,331 12	12,802 65
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	9,500 00
Annual income from investments	673 39	674 48	252 87	1,600 74
Annual offerings	884 63	860 66	563 79	2,314 08
Total	1,558 02	1,535 14	821 66	3,914 82
Widows and Orphans of Clergy:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	71,435 25
Annual income from investments	3,616 20	4,514 78	4,033 57	12,164 55
Annual income from offerings	435 00	313 66	1,046 22	1,794 88
Total	4,051 20	4,828 44	5,079 79	13,959 43
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese":—				
Episcopal Church Association—Contributions	1,324 57	1,671 77	1,750 00	4,746 34
Episcopal Charitable Society:—				
Invested capital . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	61,900 00
Annual income from investments	3,675 00	3,675 00	3,675 00	11,025 00
Church Building Society—Invested Funds . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,017 00
Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society—				
Capitals . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6,000 00
Annual income	581 30	653 49	719 81	1,954 60
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	586,162 76
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of clergymen and parochial expenses) . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	272,183 29
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,326,416 10
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	14	1	4	.....

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN.

THE RT. REV. SAMUEL A. MCCOSKEY, D.D., D.C.L., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	4	17	7	28
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	3	2	3	8
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	7
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	3	1	.....	4
“ received . . . . .	.....	1	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3
Presbyters ordained	2	.....	3	5
“ received	2	8	5	15
“ instituted	1	.....	.....	1
“ transferred	31*	7	6	44
“ deceased	1	.....	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	49
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 49; Deacons, 3; Total				53
Number of Clergy without cure				10
“ “ receiving missionary stipends				12
Whole number of Clergy reported to the Convention of 1874				80

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	3	.....	.....	3
“ admitted into union with Convention	4	.....	.....	4
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	63
Whole number of Parishes . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	63
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	90
Number of organized Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	15
“ “ unorganized “ . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	9
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	.....	.....	1
Consecrations	2	2	.....	4
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	57
“ “ “ Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	24
“ “ “ Sitings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	20,429
Number of Free Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	28
“ “ “ Sitings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6,530
“ “ “ Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	22
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$881,303
“ “ “ Rectories				91,050
“ “ “ other Church property				44,309 24
Total value of Church property				1,016,722 24
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				70,336 71

* Including the number transferred to Western Michigan on the division of the Diocese.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported	2,356	2,741	4,369	•••••
Whole number of souls reported	7,885	9,204	*28,803	•••••
Baptisms—Infants	783	814	942	2,539
Adults	224	214	226	664
Not specified	37	•••••	•••••	37
Total number of Baptisms	1,044	1,028	1,168	3,240
Confirmations reported	613	700	691	2,004
Marriages	321	293	263	877
Burials	477	443	459	1,379
Communicants—Whole number added	879	835	987	2,701
Removed, suspended, died, etc	704	458	699	1,861
Present number	•••••	•••••	•••••	6,044
Sunday Schools—Teachers	•••••	•••••	•••••	775
Scholars	•••••	•••••	•••••	6,752

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL AND CHURCH HOME.—St. Luke's, Detroit. Organized 1861. Value of land and building, estimated, \$40,000. Number of inmates, 1875, 70; 1876, 101; 1877, 90: total, 261. Amount of endowment (approximated), \$20,000. Annual income from endowment during the year 1875, \$700; 1876, \$1,305; 1877, \$860. Annual income from charity during the year 1875, \$4,625.45; 1876, \$2,925.40; 1877, \$3,391.89. Annual income from board of patients, 1875, \$1,517.50; 1876, \$2,375; 1877, \$1,741.67. Total income, 1875, \$6,874.95; 1876, \$6,605.40; 1877, \$5,993.56=\$19,441.91.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$3,168 80	\$2,982 65	\$2,718 75	\$8,870 20
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	51,950 00	51,850 00	52,440 00	52,440 00
Annual income from endowments	2,839 89	2,853 31	2,557 50	8,250 70
“ assessments and contributions	1,244 10	409 80	500 00	2,153 90
Total income	4,083 99	3,263 11	3,057 50	10,404 60
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditures	1,858 36	1,001 57	698 40	3,558 33
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	3,630 72	3,616 85	3,238 10	10,585 67
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	1,307 70	941 77	1,196 34	3,445 81
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual offerings	245 32	209 91	99 31	554 54
Indian Missions—Annual offerings	408 13	279 18	41 65	728 96
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	1,189 32	1,385 62	1,213 07	3,788 01
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	990 65	1,292 27	946 33	3,229 25
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund and Widows and Orphans of Clergy:—				
Amount of capital invested	•••••	•••••	•••••	5,200 00
Annual income from investments	353 13	453 04	382 00	1,188 17
Annual income from offerings	609 73	566 80	564 92	1,741 45
Total	962 86	1,019 84	946 92	2,929 62
Other “Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese”—St. Luke's Hospital and Church Home, Detroit	•••••	•••••	•••••	20,000 00

* This large increase comes from the fact that the reports of 1877 are more full in this particular than were those of the two preceding years.

CAPITAL AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Invested capital	\$700 00	\$1,305 00	\$860 00	\$2,865 00
Annual income from investments . .	4,625 45	2,925 40	3,391 89	10,942 74
“ “ “ contributions and offerings	1,517 50	2,375 00	1,741 67	5,634 17
Total	6,874 95	6,605 40	5,993 56	19,441 91
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities:—				
Annual contributions	8,514 01	17,001 72	6,562 94	32,078 67
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial				72,440 00
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., “ for pious and charitable uses,” for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				99,565 57
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				396,983 49
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention	11	16	7	.....

DIOCESE OF MINNESOTA.

THE RT. REV. H. B. WHIPPLE, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	6	10	10	26
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				46
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				33
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	8	6	2	16
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				18
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				11
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	2		2	4
“ “ three examinations		4	2	6
“ received			1	1
“ transferred	1			1
“ deceased	1			1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				8
Presbyters ordained	8	1	2	11
“ received	4	4	3	11
“ transferred	6	6	5	17
“ deceased	1	2	1	4
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				49

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 49; Deacons, 8; Total 58

Number of Clergy without cure 1

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure 4

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 33

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 56

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	3	1	1	5
" admitted into union with Convention	3	1	1	5
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				55
" " not in union with Convention				15
Whole number of Parishes				70
Number reported to the General Convention				46
Number of organized Missions				58
" " unorganized Missions				43
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1		1	2
Consecrations	2	3	2	7
Whole number of Churches				68
" " Chapels				11
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				75
Whole number of Rectories				20
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$300,000
" " Rectories				40,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				2,839
Whole number of souls reported				12,040
Baptisms — Infants	558	598	556	1,712
Adults	156	231	231	618
Total number of Baptisms	714	829	787	2,330
Confirmations reported	306	511	465	1,282
Marriages	141	160	138	439
Burials	299	230	211	790
Communicants — Present number				3,544
Sunday Schools — Teachers				475
Scholars				3,869
Parish Schools — Teachers				12
Pupils				244

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITALS. — Cottage Hospital, Minneapolis. Organized, 1871. Number of inmates, 1875, 96; 1876, 83; 1877, 93: total, 274. Amount of endowment, \$200. Annual income from endowment, 1875, \$24; 1876, \$24; 1877, \$24; annual income from charity, 1875, \$1,000; 1876, \$1,000; 1877, \$1,000; annual income from board of patients, 1875, \$2,000; 1876, \$2,000; 1877, \$2,000; total income, 1875, \$3,024; 1876, \$3,024; 1877, \$3,024 = \$9,072. A free Dispensary is attached to the Hospital, with a Physician in daily attendance to give advice and medicine to the sick poor. Sister Annette, of the Bishop Potter Memorial House, Philadelphia, is in charge as Matron. The Rev. D. B. Knickerbacker, D.D., is Superintendent.

St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul. Organized 1872. Number of inmates, 1875, 67; 1876, 123; 1877, 93: total, 283. Annual income from property, 1875, \$3,904.76; 1876, \$1,172.85; 1877, \$2,731.91; annual income from endowment, 1875, \$5,067.93; 1876, \$2,607.10; 1877, \$3,460.33; annual income from charity, 1875, \$6,531.39; 1876, \$2,409.80; 1877, \$3,850; total income, 1875, \$15,503.58; 1876, \$6,189.75; 1877, \$10,042.24 = \$31,739.57. A property has been purchased for the Hospital the past year at a cost of \$7,000, one thousand of which has been paid. The Matron is Sister Sarah, of the Bishop Potter Memorial House, Philadelphia. The Hospital is in care of the Church ladies of the different Parishes in St. Paul.

Bishop Whipple Hospital, White Earth. Amount of endowment, \$10,000. Annual income from endowment, 1875, \$700; 1876, \$700; 1877, \$700;

income from contributions, 1875, \$300; 1876, \$300; 1877, \$300; total income, 1875, \$1,000; 1876, \$1,000; 1877, \$1,000 = \$3,000.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — Shattuck School, Faribault. Number of teachers, October 1, 1877, 7; number of pupils, October 1, 1877, males, 86.

St. Mary's Hall, Faribault. Number of teachers, October 1, 1877, 11. Number of students, 1875, 113; 1876, 93; 1877, 115; whole number of graduates up to October 1, 1877, 29.

THEOLOGICAL. — Seabury Divinity School, Faribault. Number of professors and instructors, 6; number of students, 1875, 26; 1876, 20; 1877, 22; whole number of alumni up to date, 39; number of volumes in libraries, 4,500. Amount of endowments, including buildings, and other property, \$15,000; property from which there is no revenue, \$50,000.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. — St. Luke's Parish School, Hastings; teachers, 3; scholars, 70. St. Paul's Parish School, Brainerd; teachers, 1; scholars, 21. Trinity Parish School, Litchfield; teachers, 1; scholars, 35. Church of the Good Shepherd Parish School, St. Paul; teachers, 2; scholars, 25. Leighton Academy, St. Paul; teachers, 6; scholars, 25. General statistics of, as above, teachers, 13; scholars, 176.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$2,021 59	2,501 29	2,874 64	7,397 57
Episcopal Fund: —				
Annual income from endowments		689 07	1,028 25	1,717 32
" " " assessments and contributions	2,595 61	2,013 90	1,948 00	6,557 51
Total income	2,595 61	2,702 97	2,976 25	8,274 83
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditures	400 00	295 00	343 50	1,038 50
Diocesan Missions (including income from capital invested, legacies, etc.) — Annual offerings	4,445 86	4,113 15	4,157 35	12,716 36
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	390 00	359 78	500 50	1,250 28
Home Missions for Colored People — Annual offerings	55 73	91 98	55 09	202 80
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	134 00	247 87	269 01	641 88
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	196 81	127 05	11 42	335 28
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds — Annual offerings	186 77	118 99	74 88	380 64
Other Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese: —				
Guilds and Brotherhoods	7,416 15	3,505 05	4,624 98	15,546 18
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities — Total	3,718 08	1,137 15	2,833 69	7,688 92
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of clergymen and parochial expenses)				55,473 24
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				183,876 75
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	7	6	8	.....

DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	7	4	2	13
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				28
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				35
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	5	2	4	11
Present number of Candidates (including eight Pos- tulants), October 1, 1877				11
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				10
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations		2	1	3
“ received	1			1
“ transferred	1			1
“ canonically resident, October, 1, 1877				2
Presbyters ordained	2		2	4
“ received	2	6	5	13
“ transferred	8	3	5	16
“ deceased			2	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				20
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 20; Deacons, 2; Total			23	
Number of Clergy without cure			4	
“ “ receiving missionary stipends			9	
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention			28	

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Whole number of Parishes and Missions				83
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				52
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid		1		1
Whole number of Churches				46
“ “ Chapels				2
“ “ Rectories				11
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$200,000
“ “ Rectories				45,000
“ “ other Church property				35,000
Total value of Church property				280,000
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				2,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				1,032
Baptisms—Infants	285	249	289	823
Adults	69	65	115	249
Total number of Baptisms	354	321	399	1,072
Confirmations reported	250	164	213	627
Marriages	64	60	80	204
Burials	129	121	179	429
Communicants—Present number				2,200
Sunday Schools—Teachers				225
Scholars				1,662

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC — Bishop Green Training School, Dry Grove. Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 20. Amount of contributions, \$2,516.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$757 45	\$673 64	\$939 08	\$2,390 17
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses);—Annual expenditure	2,787 52	2,112 33	2,648 80	7,548 65
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities—Annual contributions	156 60	348 46	2,842 85	3,347 91
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				64,644 06
Number of Parishes not reporting to Convention	10	13	16	

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

THE RT. REV. CHARLES FRANKLIN ROBERTSON, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	13	5	14	32
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				18
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				30
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	2	5	8
Present number of Candidates October 1, 1877				4
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				7
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	2	1	1	4
“ “ three examinations	2		2	4
“ received		1		1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				4
Presbyters ordained	6	3	1	10
“ received	6	5	4	15
“ transferred	6	4	5	15
“ deceased			1	1
“ suspended			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				42

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 42; Deacons, 4; Total	47
Number of Clergy without cure	9
“ engaged in teaching and having no cure	2
“ receiving missionary stipends	16
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874	45

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	.....	.....	1
“ admitted into union with Convention . . . . .	.....	1	.....	1
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	44
Whole number of Parishes . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	44
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	43
Number of organized Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	21
“ unorganized Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	15
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid . . . . .	.....	.....	2	2
Consecrations	3	.....	2	5
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	55
“ “ Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5
“ “ Sitings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	15,250
Whole number of Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	11
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	\$782,300
“ “ Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	24,300
“ “ other Church property . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	85,650
Total value of Church property . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	892,250
Amount of indebtedness on Church property . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	133,100
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms — Infants	540	539	786	1,865
Adults	164	145	202	511
Total number of Baptisms	704	684	988	2,376
Confirmations reported	454	403	416	1,273
Marriages	194	198	228	620
Burials	335	327	428	1,090
Communicants — Added by removal	329	252	432	1,013
Added by admission	458	336	433	1,227
Whole number added	787	588	865	2,240
Removed	397	337	388	1,172
Died	57	57	80	194
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,150
Sunday Schools — Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	424
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3,652
Parish School — Number of . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1
“ Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5
“ Pupils . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	90

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—St. Luke's, St. Louis. Organized 1866. Number of inmates, 1875, 174; 1876, 221; 1877, 232; total, 627. Income from charity, 1875, \$4,401.33; 1876, \$4,511.68; 1877, \$4,700; total, \$13,613.01.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS.—Orphans' Home, St. Louis. Organized 1843. Number of inmates, 1875, 73; 1876, 69; 1877, 71; total, 213. Amount of endowment, \$45,000. Income from endowment, 1875, \$2,625; 1876, \$2,875; 1877, \$1,835.67. Income from charity, 1875, \$3,146.57; 1876, \$2,603.95; 1877, \$3,551.05. Total income, \$16,637.24.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — School of the Good Shepherd, St. Louis; under the charge of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd.

COLLEGIATE. — St. Paul's College, Palmyra. Preparatory department. Number of students, 1876, 30; 1877, 50.

THEOLOGICAL. — Diocesan Training School, Palmyra. Number of volumes in library, 700.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. — Male and female academies, Hannibal.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$1,780 16	\$1,796 99	\$1,983 64	\$5,560 79
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	1,200 00	1,850 00	3,150 00	. . . . .
Annual income from endowments . .	42 00	135 00	250 00	427 00
Annual income from assessments, and contributions	5,056 18	4,093 70	4,733 87	13,883 75
Total income	5,098 18	4,228 70	4,983 87	14,310 00
Diocesan expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure	793 05	487 40	600 00	1,880 45
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings . .	5,590 55	3,697 10	3,100 00	10,387 65
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings .	664 82	160 65	850 40	1,675 87
Home Missions for colored people — Annual offerings	6 65	27 05	20 00	53 70
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . .	103 81	220 96	294 72	619 49
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	534 65	217 13	584 50	1,235 28
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested	3,000 00	3,300 00	4,500 00	. . . . .
Annual income from investments . .	155 00	155 00	350 00	660 00
Annual offerings	353 31	360 33	302 44	1,021 08
Total	513 31	515 33	652 44	1,681 08
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities — Annual contributions	18,770 96	19,082 03	23,972 09	61,825 08
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	56,000 00
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of clergymen and parochial expenses) . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	99,231 20
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	186,000 16
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention . . . . .	. . . . .	3	5	. . . . .

DIOCESE OF NEBRASKA.

THE RT. REV. R. H. CLARKSON, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	2	2	3	7
Whole number holding license, October 1, 1877				17
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	3	1	5
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				2
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	5		4	9
“ transferred		1		1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				8
Presbyters ordained	1	3		4
“ received	1	3	2	6
“ instituted		1		1
“ transferred	2	4	2	8
“ deceased		1		1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				18
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 18; Deacons, 8; Total				27
Number of Clergy without cures				3
“ “ receiving missionary stipends				12
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874				26

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				26
Whole number of Parishes				26
Number reported to Convention of 1874				29
Number of organized Missions				17
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1	1		2
Whole number of Churches				28
“ “ Chapels				3
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				30
“ “ Sittings				6,000
Whole number of Rectories				7
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$80,000
“ “ Rectories				10,000
“ “ other Church property				70,000
Total value of Church property				160,000
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				5,500
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	176	162	167	505
Adults	54	58	61	173
Total number of Baptisms	230	220	228	678
Confirmations reported	120	96	85	301
Marriages	45	46	43	134
Burials	78	58	41	177
Communicants—Present number				1,104
Sunday Schools—Teachers				142
“ Scholars				1,137

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL. — Good Samaritan, Omaha. Organized 1871. Number of inmates, 1875, 26; 1876, 24; 1877, 27: total, 77. Income from charity, 1875, \$650; 1876, \$620; 1877, \$680: total, \$1,950.

DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — Brownell Hall, Omaha. Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils (females), 80.

COLLEGIATE. — Nebraska College, Nebraska City. Number of officers of instruction and government, 5; number of students, 1875, 76; 1876, 72; 1877, 75. Number of volumes in libraries, 500.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$467 78	\$171 60	\$142 24	\$781 62
Episcopal Fund: —				
Amount of capital invested	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	8,642 34
Total income	781 62	1,512 17	1,111 64	3,405 43
Diocesan expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	246 30	193 00	166 75	611 05
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	877 38	820 67	494 78	2,192 83
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	213 51	86 25	194 15	493 91
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	19 55	9 70	6 40	35 65
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	88 00	97 25	• • • • •	185 25
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds: —				
Amount of capital invested	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	316 76
Annual offerings	46 45	46 85	20 85	114 15
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	16,174 65
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	8,057 10
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	23,994 54
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	19,002 64
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	2	3	3	• • • • •

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM WOODRUFF NILES, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	2	.....	7	9
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	2	.....	4
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination . . . . .	.....	2	1	3
“ “ three examinations . . . . .	.....	1	1	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	4
Presbyters ordained	4	2	2	8
“ received	3	4	3	10
“ instituted . . . . .	.....	.....	1	1
“ transferred	1	4	.....	5
“ deceased	1	.....	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	27

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 27; Deacons, 4; Total	32
Number of Clergy without cure	8
Number of Clergy engaged in teaching and having no cure	4
Number of Clergy receiving missionary stipends	9
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874	25

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	17
Whole number of Parishes . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	17
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	23
Number of organized Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	9
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations . . . . .	.....	4	1	■
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	24
“ “ Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5
Number of Free Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1
Whole number of Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	4
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	129	194	143	466
Adults	73	97	64	234
Total number of Baptisms	202	291	207	700
Confirmations reported	178	166	164	408
Marriages “	46	67	73	186
Burials “	107	124	116	347
Communicants—Whole number added	222	145	215	582
Removed or died	96	111	88	295
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,833
Sunday Schools—Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	149
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,251
Parish Schools—Number of . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS. — Orphans' Home, Concord, organized 1865. Number of inmates, 1876, 20; 1877, 22: total, 42. Income from charity, 1876, \$2,432.53; 1877, \$2,418.24.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, CONCORD. — Number of officers and teachers, 15; number of pupils, 200. In this school, well known throughout the country, the highest intellectual culture is combined with constant and pure religious nurture.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested				\$10,500 00
Annual income from assessments and contributions	\$2,534 25	\$2,534 25	\$2,553 25	7,621 75
Diocesan expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure	103 00	105 00	105 00	313 00
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	1,631 75	1,716 44	2,158 51	5,506 70
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	305 61	239 33	652 59	1,197 53
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	181 88	150 00	230 64	562 52
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese": Annual income from contributions and offerings	13,161 97	35,061 69	18,426 20	66,649 86
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses" for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				81,851 36

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY.

THE RT. REV. JOHN SCARBOROUGH, D. D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	12	10	7	29
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				16
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	6	3	4	13
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				6

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1	3	5
“ “ three examinations	1	1	4	6
“ received	1	1	3	5
“ transferred	1	1	3	5
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877	1	1	3	5
Presbyters ordained	1	2	1	4
“ received	4	7	9	20
“ instituted	1	1	1	3
“ transferred	3	9	5	17
“ deceased	1	1	3	5
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877	1	1	3	5

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 84; Deacons, 7; Total	92
Number of Clergy without cure	21
“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure	4
“ “ receiving missionary stipends	25

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	2	1	2	5
“ admitted into union with Convention	3	1	1	5
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention	1	1	1	3
“ “ not in union with “	1	1	1	3
Whole number of Parishes	1	1	1	3
Number of unorganized Missions	1	1	1	3
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	5	3	9
Consecrations	1	1	3	5
Whole number of Churches	1	1	1	3
“ “ Chapels	1	1	1	3
“ “ Rectories	1	1	1	3
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	900	870	919	2,689
Adults	244	232	251	727
Total number of Baptisms	1,144	1,102	1,170	3,416
Confirmations reported	602	661	564	1,827
Marriages	183	189	200	572
Burials	530	513	485	1,528
Communicants—Present number	1	1	1	3
Sunday Schools—Teachers	1	1	1	3
Scholars	1	1	1	3

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL. — Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS. — Orphans' Home, South Amboy.

CHURCH HOME. — St. John's Church Home, Elizabeth.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — St. Mary's Hall, Burlington. Burlington College, Burlington.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$7,127 07	\$6 626 52	\$7,225 07	\$20,978 66
*Episcopal Fund—Total income	1,180 09	4,000 00	4,948 73	10,128 82
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	998 70	807 00	1,695 35	3,501 05
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings . .	6,598 73	6,117 10	5,297 34	18,013 17
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings . .	9,832 43	3,036 07	3,578 04	16,446 54
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual offerings	147 13	212 79	716 02	1,075 44
Indian Missions—Annual offerings . . .	528 27	498 04	678 51	1,704 82
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings . .	1,450 09	1,703 00	1,953 41	5,106 50
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds—Annual income	842 39	619 29	1,086 27	2,547 95
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese"—Woman's Auxiliary		1,742 16	3,376 33	5,118 49
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities .	122,046 23	102,365 90	124,602 18	349,014 31
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of clergymen)				433,636 25
Total amount of salaries				181,960 00

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK.

THE RT. REV. HORATIO POTTER, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

Below is given a statistical summary concerning the Diocese of New York for the last three years. Under its headings it comprehends the particulars required from the parishes by the Canons. It presents, however, an imperfect view of the work and condition of this Diocese. From several of its largest churches there are no parochial reports. In 1877, for example, thirty-four parishes have failed in rendering these annual accounts. Baptisms, marriages, burials, and contributions have, therefore, been many more than indicated in these figures following. Continually large gifts, of which the Bishop or Convention can have no record, are made to objects within the Diocese, and flow out of it to distant places. Within its borders the benevolent institutions created and supported by its Churchmen, parochial and not parochial, often corporations under the law of the State, are numerous. Over these generally the laws and Convention of the Diocese have no control. Their statistics are not submitted to its authorities, and cannot be exacted. The Standing Committee of the Diocese declines to take order about them as being alike impracticable for it, and beyond its province. In the Table below are condensed such statistics as have been supplied from authentic sources:—

* The capital of the Episcopal Fund, amounting to \$120,718.62 in cash and parish bonds, is to remain undivided during the Episcopate of the present Bishop of Northern New Jersey. It is not, therefore, reported, as the portion belonging to this Diocese is at present unknown. The Aged and infirm Clergy Fund, \$11,765.65, is likewise held in common, the income being equally divided between the two Dioceses. A very fine Episcopal residence has been built in the city of Trenton, at a cost for house and land of more than \$25,000, and presented to the Diocese as a free gift, by a generous layman. This sum is not included among the parochial offerings, and should of right be added to the total of Diocesan contributions.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	32
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination . . . . .	.....	.....	3	3
“ “ “ three examinations	7	13	10	30
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	22
Presbyters ordained	8	7	8	23
“ received	28	16	17	61
“ transferred	27	17	16	60
“ deceased	8	5	11	24
“ deposed	7	.....	.....	7
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	285
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 285; Deacons, 22; Total	308			

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Churches entitled to representation in Diocesan Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	168
Churches not in union with Convention . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	28
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	3	1	1	5
Total number of Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	196
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	4,154	3,707	4,171	12,032
Adults	509	744	903	2,156
Total number of Baptisms	4,663	4,451	5,074	14,188
Confirmations reported	2,263	3,612	3,014	8,889
Marriages	1,113	896	1,064	3,073
Burials	2,641	2,415	2,239	7,295
Communicants—Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	31,777
Sunday Schools—Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2,290
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	25,960

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund, contributions to . . .	\$3,329 81	\$2,920 66	\$2,833 35	\$9,073 82
Diocesan Fund—Annual expenditure . .	5,342 24	4,686 03	3,781 32	13,809 59
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings . .	6,873 54	6,189 75	6,901 55	19,964 84
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings . .	35,313 14	41,827 57	32,349 13	109,489 84
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual offerings	2,095 45	3,388 17	2,636 46	8,110 08
Indian Missions—Annual offerings . . .	12,768 16	13,088 19	12,445 24	38,301 59
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings . .	17,884 04	16,918 45	18,048 78	52,851 27
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	902 05	483 98	845 32	2,231 35
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund—Annual offerings	27,049 09	19,535 33	5,362 56	51,946 98
Total contributions as stated in parochial reports	774,801 38	654,409 03	655,857 20	2,085,067 61
Parishes not reporting . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	34

DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THE RT. REV. THOMAS ATKINSON, D.D., BISHOP.

THE RT. REV. THEODORE B. LYMAN, D.D., ASSISTANT BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Whole number of Lay Readers holding licenses, October 1, 1877				46
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				50
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	8	1	2	11
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				9
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination		2	2	4
“ “ three examinations		1		1
“ received		1		1
“ deceased	1			1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				13
Presbyters ordained		1		3
“ received	4	2	3	9
“ transferred	3	2	3	8
“ deceased			1	1
“ deposed			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				45

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 2; Presbyters, 45; Deacon, 13; Total 60

Number of Clergy without cure 6

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure 4

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 25

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 56

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes admitted into union with Convention	4	2	1	7
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				81
“ “ not in union with Convention				4
Whole number of Parishes				85
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				81
Number of Missions				38
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1	3	1	5
Whole number of Churches				80
“ “ Chapels				27
“ “ Sittings				20,910
“ “ Rectories				29
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$334,450 00
“ “ Rectories				64,900 00
“ “ other Church property				48,974 00
Total value of Church property				448,324 36
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				28,410 00

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported . . . . .	...	...	...	2,164
Whole number of souls reported . . . . .	...	...	...	9,929
Number of Baptized persons reported . . . . .	...	...	...	7,784
Baptisms— Infants	535	629	701	1,865
Adults	161	157	207	525
Total number of Baptisms	696	786	908	2,390
Confirmations reported	543	548	521	1,612
Marriages	120	124	100	344
Burials	276	265	291	832
Communicants— Present number . . . . .	...	...	...	4,596
Sunday Schools— Teachers . . . . .	...	...	...	456
Scholars . . . . .	...	...	...	3,307
Parish Schools— Number of . . . . .	...	...	...	12
Number of teachers . . . . .	...	...	...	14
“ pupils . . . . .	...	...	...	509

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — St. Augustine Normal School for colored people, Raleigh. Number of teachers, 4. Amount of endowment, \$55,000.

THEOLOGICAL. — Ravenscroft Training School, Asheville. Number of instructors, 1; number of pupils, 1876, 4; 1877, 3. Amount of endowment, including buildings and other property, \$20,000.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. — St. Mary's School for girls, Raleigh.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported . . . . .	...	...	\$1,952 82	\$1,952 82
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	\$43,723 75	\$44,493 75	46,410 90	...
Annual income from endowments	1,548 22	1,913 05	2,272 90	5,734 17
“ “ “ assessments and contributions	4,194 78	3,448 11	5,353 64	13,001 53
Total income	5,743 00	5,361 16	7,631 54	18,735 70
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)— Annual expenditure (inclusive of Bishops' salaries)	6,219 41	5,038 46	7,175 59	18,433 46
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	2,256 59	1,774 69	2,081 49	6,112 77
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	645 11	345 24	637 08	1,647 43
Home Missions for Colored People — Annual offerings	50 27	15 00	36 03	101 30
Indian Missions — Annual offerings	10 00	...	42 94	52 94
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	354 99	176 34	284 98	816 31
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	355 42	455 29	153 50	964 21
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds — Annual offerings	131 59	210 98	143 71	486 28
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities — Annual contributions	40,709 54	40,947 84	54,949 06	136,606 44
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	...	...	...	37,055 05
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	6	...	6	...

DIOCESE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM HENRY ODENHEIMER, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, &C.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	5	14	5	24
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				39
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	1	1	■
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				5
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1			1
“ “ “ three examinations	1	2	2	5
“ received	1	1		■
“ transferred	2			2
“ canonically resident, October 1 1877				5
Presbyters ordained	1	2	2	5
“ received	6	11	7	24
“ instituted		1		1
“ transferred	6	9	8	23
“ deposed	1			1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				63
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 63; Deacons, 5; Total				69
Number of Clergy without cure				2
“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure				1
“ “ receiving missionary stipends				7

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	1		2
“ admitted into union with Convention		1		1
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				66
“ “ “ not in union with Convention				3
Whole number of Parishes				69
Number of organized Missions				8
“ unorganized Missions				7
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Whole number of Churches				62
“ “ Chapels				10
“ “ Rectories				29
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				3,012
Baptisms—Infants	1,297	1,482		2,779
Adults	251	207		458
Not specified	130	16		146
Total number of Baptisms	1,678	1,705		3,383
Confirmations reported	482	961	659	2,102
Marriages	384	305		689
Burials	910	756		1,666
Communicants—Present number				6,600
Sunday Schools—Teachers				708
Scholars				7,441

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITALS. — St. Barnabas' Hospital, Newark. Organized 1866.
Christ Hospital, Jersey City.

CHURCH HOME. — Home for Aged Widows, Hoboken.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — St. Stephen's School, Millburn.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
*Episcopal Fund — Annual income from endowments and contributions . . .	\$6,000 00	\$6,000 00	\$6,000 00	\$18,000 00
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure	838 00	966 00	.....	1,804 00
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	4,868 00	3,450 00	.....	8,318 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds — Annual income and offerings	879 00	756 00	.....	1,635 00
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese": —				
Annual income from investments and offerings	299,439 00	252,477 00	.....	551,916 00

DIOCESE OF OHIO.

THE RT. REV. GREGORY THURSTON BEDELL, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	4	5	4	13
Number holding licenses, reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	50
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	3	2	3	8
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8

* This is a common Fund held by Trustees for the support of the Episcopate in the State of New Jersey, and from the income of this Fund the Bishop of the Diocese receives annually \$6,000.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination			2	2
“ “ three examinations	2	3		5
“ received		1	3	4
“ transferred		2	1	3
“ deposed		1		1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				4
Presbyters ordained	2	2	3	7
“ received	8		4	18
“ transferred	42	6	5	53
“ deceased		2	5	7
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				65

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 65; Deacons, 4; Total 70

Number of Clergy without cure 15

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure 4

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 14

Whole number of Clergy reported to the Convention of 1874 . 102

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized		3		3
“ admitted into union with Convention		1		1
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				76
“ “ Chapels not in union with Convention				4
Whole number of Parishes				80
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 (undivided Diocese)				119
Number of organized Missions				9
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid		1	1	2
Consecrations		4	2	6
Whole number of Churches				70
“ “ Chapels				10
“ “ Rectories				28
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$760,000
“ “ Rectories				84,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	572	924	912	2,408
Adults	150	243	246	639
Total number of Baptisms	722	1,167	1,158	3,047
Confirmations reported	52	720	829	1,601
Marriages	251	293	216	760
Burials	484	497	440	1,421
Communicants—Added by removal	168	190	211	569
“ “ admission	176	675	595	1,446
Whole number added	344	865	806	2,015
Removed	189	265	266	720
Died	63	89	107	259
Suspended and reported to Bishop	9	3	6	18
Present number				6,330
Sunday Schools—Teachers				841
Scholars				7,381

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—Good Samaritan, Sandusky. Organized 1875. The building is not yet opened for the reception of inmates, but it is hoped that this winter the Dispensary department will be opened. Income from charity for the year 1877, \$6,000. Total income to date, \$12,000.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS.—Trinity Church Home for Children, Cleveland. Organized 1873. Number of inmates, 1876, 12; 1877, 12: total, 24. Total income from offerings, \$1,500.

CHURCH HOME.—Trinity Church Home for the Sick and Friendless, Cleveland. Amount of endowment, \$6,000. Income from charity, \$1,500.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—Kenyon Grammar School, Gambier. Trinity School, Toledo. Number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, males, 21; females, 28.

COLLEGIATE.—Kenyon College, Gambier.

THEOLOGICAL.—Theological Seminary of the Diocese of Ohio, Gambier.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Cleveland Female Seminary, Cleveland. Harcourt Place School, Gambier. Number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 18.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$15,048 08	\$14,170 17	\$14,680 94	\$43,899 19
Episcopal Fund—Assessments and contributions	5,821 45	4,852 88	3,988 90	14,663 23
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	1,384 23	586 55	507 52	2,478 30
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings . .	2,615 47	3,265 51	2,582 50	8,463 48
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings . .	2,351 29	2,245 10	2,150 34	6,746 73
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual offerings	57 21	188 85	151 90	397 96
Indian Missions—Annual offerings . . . . .	..	160 98	449 37	610 35
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings . .	603 82	1,768 03	1,890 47	4,262 32
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	2,727 61	400 54	302 27	3,430 42
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	..	..	..	11,232 72
Annual offerings	143 47	912 10	1,015 59	2,071 16
*Widows and Orphans of Clergy:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	..	..	..	31,691 61
†Annual income from investments . .	..	2,394 09	2,930 32	5,324 39
†Annual income from offerings . .	256 08	166 87	263 24	686 19
Total	256 08	2,560 96	3,193 56	6,010 58
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses) . . . . .	..	..	..	93,033 72
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	..	..	..	304,045 84
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	6	7	6	..

*Of Dioceses of Ohio and Southern Ohio.

†Includes income from all sources and the offerings by both Dioceses.

‡Offerings by Diocese of Ohio only.

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM BACON STEVENS, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	7	17	7	31
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				14
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	9	5	16	30
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				14
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				31
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained	14	■	14	37
“ received	■	2	■	4
“ transferred	1	2	■	6
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				17
Presbyters ordained	7	4	6	17
“ received	14	13	8	35
“ transferred	8	20	10	38
“ deceased	4	5	4	13
“ suspended	2			2
“ deposed	3		1	4
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				167

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 167; Deacons, 17; total 185

Number of Clergy without cure 34

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure 9

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 24

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 174

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	2	■	■	■
“ admitted into union with Convention		2		2
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				116
Present number of Parishes not in union with Convention				■
Whole number of Parishes				122
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				120
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	3	3	2	8
Consecrations	4	3	2	9
Whole number of Churches				120
“ “ Chapels				17
“ “ Sittings				61,688
Number of Free Sittings				9,922
Whole number of Rectories				51
Estimated value of Churches, Chapels, Rectories, and other Church property				\$6,560,000 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				464,516 84

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	2,745	2,660	3,125	8,530
Adults	477	542	646	1,665
Total number of Baptisms	3,222	3,337	3,871	10,195
Confirmations reported	1,783	2,154	2,016	5,953
Marriages	787	736	849	2,372
Burials	1,796	1,633	2,092	5,521
Communicants — Added by removal	637	830	623	2,090
Added by admission	1,410	1,979	1,641	5,030
Whole number added	2,047	2,809	2,264	7,120
Removed or died	1,183	1,086	1,245	3,519
Present number				22,927
Sunday Schools—Teachers				2,789
Scholars				31,151
Parish Schools—Number of				23
Teachers				56
Pupils				1,090

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITALS.—Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Organized 1851. Number of inmates, 1875, 1,184; 1876, 1,193; 1877, 1,417: total, 3,874. Amount of endowment, \$400,000. Building and grounds, \$400,000. Income from endowment, 1875, \$19,631.14; 1876, \$20,906.02; 1877, \$19,010.09: total, \$59,547.25. Income from charity, 1875, \$17,194.34; 1876, \$17,909.01; 1877, \$13,962.12: total, \$49,065.47; total income for three years, \$108,612.72.

Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Radnor. Organized 1874. Number of inmates, 1875, 40; 1876, 39; 1877, 29: total, 108. Amount of endowment, \$3,700. Total income for three years from endowment and charity, \$6,696.55.

CHURCH ASYLUM.—Burd Orphan Asylum of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. Organized 1865. Number of inmates, 1875, 60; 1876, 70; 1877, 80: total, 210.

Church Home for Children, Angora Station. Inmates, 80. Supported by charitable contributions.

CHURCH HOME.—Christ Church Home, for aged ladies of the Church, Belmont.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Number of teachers, 12. Number of pupils, males, 200.

THEOLOGICAL.—Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Number of professors and instructors, 5. Number of students, 1875, 36; 1876, 26; 1877, 21. Whole number of Alumni, 151. Number of volumes in libraries, 10,000. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$434,965.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Educational Home for Boys, 49th Street and Greenway Avenue. Incorporated 1871. Number of inmates, 1875, 150; 1876, 153; 1877, 175: total, 483. Endowment and buildings valued at \$160,000.

Lincoln Institute for Boys. 308 South 11th Street, Philadelphia. Incorporated 1866. Inmates, 1875, 84; 1876, 89; 1877, 90: total, 263. Endowments and buildings, \$108,600.

Cheltenham Academy for Boys. Number of teachers, 6. Number of pupils, 56.

Andalusia Hall, Bucks County. Number of teachers, 5. Number of pupils, 30.

Ury House, a select school for boys. Number of teachers, 4. Number of scholars, 40.

Brooke Hall Female Seminary, Media. Number of teachers, 12. Number of pupils, 50.

Cottage Seminary for Young Ladies, Pottstown. Number of teachers, 6. Number of pupils, 48.

OTHER DIOCESAN INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

Bishop White Prayer Book Society. Founded 1834. Subscriptions, legacies, etc., 1874, \$1,640; 1875, \$2,200; 1876, \$2,650: total, \$6,490. Prayer Books issued, 1874, 9,125; 1875, 9,758; 1876, 9,809: total, 28,670.

Female Prayer Book Society. Total of books issued for the past three years, about 1,000.

Bishop White Parish Library Association. Volumes supplied, about 1,000.

Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. Formed in 1812. Engaged chiefly in aiding erecting churches and parsonages. Endowment, \$58,657.57; income from endowment, \$3,690.74; income from subscriptions and collections, \$728.83.

Clergy, Daughters' Fund. For the poorer of the Clergy to educate their daughters. Invested capital, about \$7,500.

Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity among the Jews. Employs one missionary. Income about \$4,000 from contributions.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$28,679 44	\$22,239 86	\$27,856 41	\$78,776 31
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	57,600 00	57,600 00	57,600 00	57,600 00
Annual income from endowments	3,687 02	3,669 53	3,647 95	11,004 00
" " assessments and				
contributions	3,948 00	4,091 02	4,588 00	12,597 02
Total income	7,635 02	7,760 55	8,235 95	23,601 02
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and				
contingent expenses)—Annual expendi-				
ture	2,797 03	2,712 15	3,307 73	8,846 91
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	6,067 45	5,635 51	5,986 79	17,689 75
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	27,424 35	17,999 93	17,681 41	63,106 09
Home Missions for Colored People—An-				
nuual offerings	2,187 37	1,466 54	2,215 91	5,869 82
Indian Missions—Annual offerings			3,682 81	3,682 81
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	11,393 35	12,661 18	18,614 96	42,669 49
Education for the Ministry—Annual offer-				
ings	7,400 33	7,692 25	7,307 52	22,400 10
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested				8,500 00
Annual income from investments	510 00	510 00	510 00	1,530 00
Annual offerings	4,162 98	4,110 04	5,209 63	14,632 65
Total	4,772 98	4,620 04	5,769 63	15,162 65
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Asso-				
ciations of (Churchmen within the Diocese"				
—Total income and offerings	58,427 77	49,980 51	30,677 02	139,075 30
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities—				
Total income and offerings	267,119 13	241,780 09	160,297 67	669,190 85
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer-				
ings, etc., "for pious and charitable				
uses," for three years last past (not in-				
cluding salaries of Clergymen and paro-				
chial expenses)				1,071,068 85
Total amount of salaries and parochial				
expenses				1,308,628 96
Number of parishes not reporting to Con-				
vention	5	2	2	

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH.

THE RT. REV. JOHN BARRETT KERFOOT, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	31	46	47	124
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877	31	46	47	124
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874	31	46	47	124
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	2	2	6
Present number of Candidates (including Postulants), October 1, 1877	2	2	2	6
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874	2	2	2	6
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	1	2	1	4
“ received	2	2	1	5
“ deceased	1	1	1	3
“ deposed	1	1	1	3
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877	1	2	1	4
Presbyters ordained	11	7	5	23
“ received	11	7	5	23
“ transferred	8	8	4	20
“ deceased	2	2	2	6
“ deposed	1	1	1	3
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877	1	2	1	4
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 44; Deacons, 2; Total	46	46	47	139
Number of Clergy without cure	2	2	2	6
Number of Clergy receiving missionary stipends	21	21	21	63
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874	52	52	52	156

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	1	1	3
“ admitted into union with Convention	1	1	1	3
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention	1	1	1	3
Whole number of Parishes	1	1	1	3
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874	1	1	1	3
Number of organized Missions	16	16	16	48
“ unorganized Missions	9	9	9	27
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	2	2	2	6
Consecrations	5	5	5	15
Whole number of Churches	62	62	62	186
“ “ Chapels	20	20	20	60
“ “ Sitings	20,000	20,000	20,000	60,000
Number of Free Churches and Chapels	52	52	52	156
“ “ Sitings	13,000	13,000	13,000	39,000
Whole number of Rectories	13	13	13	39
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels	\$1,380,000	\$1,380,000	\$1,380,000	\$4,140,000
“ “ Rectories	55,000	55,000	55,000	165,000
“ “ other Church property	68,000	68,000	68,000	204,000
“ “ Parochial Endowments	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Total value of Church property	1,508,000	1,508,000	1,508,000	4,526,000
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families				3,220
Number of individuals				1,000
Whole number of souls				20,300
Baptisms—Infants	959	873	825	2,657
Adults	143	173	188	504
Total number of Baptisms	1,102	1,046	1,013	3,161
Confirmations reported	553	622	573	1,743
Marriages	146	125	140	411
Burials	331	301	343	975
Communicants—Added by removal	116	223	220	559
Added by admission	568	737	500	1,805
Whole number added	684	960	720	2,364
Removed	168	439	369	976
Died	85	79	76	240
Present number—Total				5,148
Sunday Schools—Teachers, Males				209
Females				418
Total				627
Scholars				5,916
Industrial Schools—Number of				9
Teachers				89
Pupils				735

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS. — Church Home for Orphans and Aged Women, Pittsburgh. Organized 1859. Number of inmates each year from fifty to sixty-five. Amount of endowment, real property, \$80,000. Annual income from charity, \$5,500; total income, \$16,500.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — Episcopal Classical Academy for Boys, Pittsburgh. Number of teachers, 2; pupils, 45.

COLLEGIATE. Bishop Bowen Institute for Girls, Pittsburgh. Number of officers of instruction and government, 7; number of students, 1875, 105; 1876, 97; 1877, 104; whole number of graduates, 49; number of volumes in libraries, 2,000. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$27,500.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$3,918 00	\$4,000 00	\$3,450 00	\$11,360 00
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	51,129 00	51,486 00	51,509 00	51,509 00
Annual income from endowments	2,708 00	2,117 00	2,248 00	7,073 00
“ “ assessments and contributions	2,518 00	1,214 00	1,453 00	5,185 00
Total income	5,226 00	3,331 00	3,701 00	12,258 00
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	765 00	994 00	665 00	2,424 00
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	5,819 00	4,975 00	5,939 00	16,733 00
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	2,830 00	2,822 00	2,720 00	8,372 00

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Home Missions for Colored People — Annual offerings	\$775 00	\$705 00	\$900 00	\$2,380 00
Indian Missions — Annual offerings . . .	335 00	414 00	387 00	1,136 00
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . .	1,573 00	4,662 00	3,476 00	9,711 00
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	1,715 00	2,036 00	2,050 00	5,801 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested			2,800 00	2,800 00
Annual income from investment . . .	134 00	141 00	143 00	418 00
Annual offerings	915 00	642 00	650 00	2,207 00
Total	1,049 00	783 00	793 00	2,625 00
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese":—				
Contributions and offerings	1,800 00	2,452 00	2,000 00	6,250 00
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities:—				
Annual contributions	8,716 00	3,557 00	4,000 00	16,273 00
Total capital invested for Church purposes, diocesan, or parochial				60,000 00
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				95,323 00
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				330,000 00

NOTE. — The Diocese of Pittsburgh has felt very seriously the straitness of the times. The effect has been not the loss of any parish or mission, but the necessity of conjoining more of such points of labour than heretofore in the care of one clergyman, thus securing sufficient support for the missionary, and keeping up regular, though sometimes less frequent, services in each place. Vacancies have been so filled without always calling in a new minister into the Diocese in the place of one going elsewhere. There is thus some diminution in the Clergy roll, though none in the pastoral cures of the Diocese. The increase in the number of communicants has been steady. The annual admissions of new communicants have been more numerous than usual, but so have been the removals. The peculiar resources and industries of the western part of Pennsylvania involve, especially in these times, rapid changes and migrations of the population. This makes "removals" from the parochial lists of communicants numerous, on the parish records and in the Diocesan reports; while many of the communicants so reported as removing, though not leaving the Diocese, do not promptly record their names in their new homes; often because, in such recent centres of population, there may not yet be any organized mission. This makes it certain that the real total of communicants in the Diocese is much larger than the number here reported.

The activity of the Diocese in her own missionary work has continued unabated; and the results are every year very encouraging. There have been in the three years just past some extensions of the work in the Diocese, and there has been much real strengthening of work before begun. The peace, vigour, and efficient organization of the Diocese continue; with the return of business life and success the church will resume her more forward movements.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh was made a separate organization just twelve years ago. Its growth may be indicated thus: Its working clergy has increased by one half, its organized parishes in the same proportion; its church buildings number three fourths more; its parsonages are four times as many; its offerings for Diocesan missions are annually six or seven times as large (as before 1855); the Sunday-school scholars are twice as many; the annual confirmations are more than three times the old rate; the communicants are two and a half times the number in 1855. God has graciously blessed the Diocese thus far.

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

THE RT. REV. THOMAS M. CLARK, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	4	2	8
Present number of candidates, October 1, 1877				5
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				4
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	3		1	4
“ received			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				1
Presbyters ordained		2	4	6
“ received	7	5	3	15
“ transferred	8	4	1	13
“ deceased		1	1	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				43

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 43; Deacon, 1; Total 45

Number of Clergy without cure 5

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure 2

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 6

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 41

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	1		2
“ admitted into union with Convention		2		2
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				41
“ “ not in union with Convention				3
Whole number of Parishes				44
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				41
Number of organized Missions				7
“ unorganized Missions				6
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid		2	1	3
Consecrations		2		2
Whole number of Churches				42
“ “ Chapels				3
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				19
Whole number of Rectories				18

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	545	653	674	1,872
Adults	151	168	228	547
Total number of Baptisms	696	821	902	2,419
Confirmations reported	411	376	539	1,326
Marriages "	266	225	234	725
Burials "	457	441	484	1,382
Communicants—Added by removal	135	146	157	488
Added by admission	410	384	488	1,283
Whole number added	545	530	645	1,720
Removed	170	199	177	546
Died	76	71	70	217
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,951
Sunday Schools—Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	723
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6,236

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOME.—House of the Intercessor, Providence. A home for the aged and infirm.

St. John's Lodging-House, Providence. For poor travellers and persons out of employment.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	\$43,063
Annual income from endowments	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	9,300
" " assessments and contributions	1,900	1,900	1,900	5,700
Total income	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure	660	633	616	1,909
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	4,559	7,683	3,879	16,121
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	6,760	5,179	7,055	18,994
Home Missions for Colored People — Annual offerings	709	571	712	1,992
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	2,842	2,280	4,512	9,634
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	2,988	1,212	1,008	5,208
Aged and Infirm Clergy, and Widows and Orphans of Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	17,944
Annual income from investments	1,074	903	1,111	3,088
Annual offerings	735	507	661	1,903
Total	1,709	1,410	1,772	4,891
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities — Annual contributions	19,481	32,167	22,964	74,612
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses) . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	147,451
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	385,853
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	4	3	2	.....

DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM BELL WHITE HOWE, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Whole number of Lay Readers holding licenses, October 1, 1877				13
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				11
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	■	2	■
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				4
Number reported to the Convention of 1874				5
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination			1	1
“ “ three examinations	2	■	1	5
“ transferred		1		1
“ deceased		1		1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				4
Presbyters ordained	1	2		3
“ received	5	3	1	9
“ transferred	1	2		■
“ deceased		4	4	8
“ deposed		1		1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				42
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 42; Deacons, 4; Total				47
Number of Clergy without cure				2
“ receiving missionary stipends				17
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874				43

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				53
“ “ not in union with Convention				14
Whole number of Parishes				67
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				67
Number of unorganized Missions				12
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid		1		1
Consecrations	1		2	3
Whole number of Churches				63
“ “ Chapels				12
“ “ Rectories				23
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families				1,836
Number of individuals not included in families				772
Whole number of souls reported				7,216
Baptisms—Infants	518	499	439	1,456
Adults	89	49	67	205
Total number of Baptisms	607	548	506	1,661
Confirmations reported	369	348	357	1,074
Marriages	130	110	69	309
Burials	361	344	352	1,067
Communicants—Added by admission	350	384	240	974
Present number				4,043
Sunday Schools—Teachers				177
Scholars				1,212
Parish Schools—Teachers				11
Pupils				284

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—House of Rest, Charleston. Organized 1874. For female convalescents and children. Supported by subscriptions and offerings, and by a laundry attached to the house.

CHURCH HOMES.—Church Home for Aged and Impoverished Females, Charleston. St. Philip's Parish Home for Parish Poor. Supported by offerings from St. Philip's Parish.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—Institute of the Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston. Number of teachers, 7; pupils, boarders, 93; day scholars, 90; total, 183.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$5,201 44	\$5,887 06	\$5,304 00	\$16,392 50
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested				45,300 00
Annual income from endowments	3,130 00	4,451 00	3,314 00	10,875 00
Total income	4,133 00	5,837 00	4,533 00	14,523 00
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	780 00	1,059 00	824 00	2,663 00
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	4,166 00	3,533 00	2,523 00	10,221 00
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	461 09	424 49	444 91	1,329 91
Home Missions for Colored People—Annual offerings		17 34	20 64	37 98
Indian Missions—Annual offerings	10 50	19 46	41 53	71 49
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	466 94	403 09	395 88	1,265 91
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings	759 00	939 00	1,475 00	3,173 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds—Amount of capital invested				30,000 00
Other "Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese": Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina—Invested capital				27,765 00
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities—Annual contributions	1,118 00	928 00	790 00	2,836 00
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial				103,065 00
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				52,513 79
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				146,030 75
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	2	6	8	

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN OHIO.

THE RT. REV. THOMAS A. JAGGAR, D.D., BISHOP.

[The following Report covers the period of the last two years, the Diocese having been organized since the last General Convention.]

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay readers licensed		2	6	8
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				8
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted		1	3	4
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				4
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination			1	1
“ “ three examinations		1		1
“ received			2	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				2
Presbyters ordained			2	2
“ received		8	5	13
“ transferred		6	4	10
“ deposed			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				42
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishops, 1; Presbyters, 42; Deacons, 2; Total			45	
Number of Clergy without cure			5	
“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure			2	
“ “ receiving missionary stipends			9	

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized		1	1	2
“ admitted into union with Convention		1	1	2
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				46
Whole number of Parishes				46
Number of organized Missions				17
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations		3		3
Whole number of Churches				43
“ “ Chapels				3
“ “ Rectories				10
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants		272	316	588
Adults		144	122	266
Total number of Baptisms		416	438	854
Confirmations reported		448	414	862
Marriages		109	120	229
Burials		223	205	433
Communicants—Whole number added		705	541	1,246
Removed		235	363	598
Died		53	59	112
Present number				4,489
Sunday Schools—Teachers				470
Scholars				4,252

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Theological Seminary of Ohio, and Kenyon College, located at Gambier, are under the joint control of the Dioceses of Ohio and Southern Ohio. They constitute, with the grammar school, the Academic, Collegiate, and Theological Institutions of the Diocese. The detailed information required appears in the report of the Diocese of Ohio.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported		\$4,647 00	\$6,145 21	\$10,792 21
Episcopal Fund:—				
Annual income from assessments and contributions		5,739 45	5,413 59	11,153 04
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure		5,175 38	4,738 70	9,914 08
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings		4,009 76	4,086 66	8,096 42
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings		2,351 05	3,624 87	5,975 92
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings		1,782 99	2,084 19	3,867 18
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings		355 10	717 04	1,072 14
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund:—				
Annual income from investments		400 00	400 00	800 00
Annual offerings		115 15	171 19	286 34
Total		515 15	571 19	1,086 34
Widows and Orphans of Clergy — Annual income from offerings		252 88	463 30	716 18
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for two years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				53,759 85
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				131,500 93

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

THE RT. REV. CHARLES TODD QUINTARD, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	10	2	6	18
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				18
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	4	6	10	20
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				8
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	1	6	8
" transferred	1			1
" suspended			1	1
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				8
Presbyters ordained	2	1	1	4
" received	3	5	1	9
" instituted			1	1
" transferred		3	1	6
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				27

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 27; Deacons, 8; Total	36
Number of Clergy without cure	3
“ “ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure	2
“ “ “ receiving missionary stipends	7
Whole number of Clergy reported to the Convention of 1874	33

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				31
Whole number of Parishes				31
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				30
Number of unorganized Missions				13
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Whole number of Churches				38
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				33
Whole number of Rectories				7
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$350,000
“ “ Rectories				25,000
“ “ other Church property				75,000
Total value of Church property				450,000
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	470	385		855
Adults	125	70		195
Not specified			538	538
Total number of Baptisms				1,588
Confirmations reported	376	160	311	847
Communicants—Present number				3,126
Sunday Schools—Teachers				311
Scholars				2,271
Parish Schools—Number of				3
Teachers				5
Pupils				120

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS.—Church Orphan Home, Memphis. Organized 1866.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—Columbia Female Institute, Columbia. St. James' Hall, Bolivar.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund—Annual income from assessments and contributions	\$2,585 50	\$2,643 35	\$3,300 00	\$8,528 85
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	477 78	697 52	600 00	1,775 30
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities (including salaries and parochial expenses)—Annual contributions	41,089 08	65,168 85	54,153 60	160,411 53
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., “for pious and charitable uses,” for three years last past (including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses).				180,715 68

DIOCESE OF TEXAS.

THE RT. REV. ALEXANDER GREGG, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	5	2	5	12
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				21
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				25
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	7	2	2	11
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				8
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				7
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	3	1	5
“ received		1		1
“ deceased	1			1
“ deposed			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				3
Presbyters ordained	2	1		3
“ received	2		3	5
“ transferred		5		5
“ deceased	1			1
“ deposed			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				19
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 19; Deacons, 3; Total				23
Number of Clergy without cure				4
“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure				1
“ “ receiving missionary stipends				8
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 (before reduction of Diocese)				33

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	1		2
“ admitted into union with Convention	1	1		2
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				29
Whole number of Parishes				29
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 (before reduction of Diocese)				40
Number of organized Missions				14
“ “ unorganized “				10
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	1		2
Consecrations	2	1		3
Whole number of Churches				20
“ “ “ Chapels				6
“ “ “ Sittings				7,350
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				20
“ “ “ Sittings				5,250
Whole number of Rectories				4
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$150,000 00
“ “ “ Rectories				15,000 00
“ “ “ other Church property				26,000 00
Total value of Church property				191,000 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				12,500 00

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families				1,319
Number of individuals not included in families				618
Baptisms — Infants	292	351	273	916
Adults	70	85	62	217
Total number of Baptisms	362	436	295	1,133
Confirmations reported	232	243	205	685
Marriages “	70	87	79	236
Burials “	79	86	56	221
Communicants — Added during the year	310	273	214	797
Excommunicated			2	2
Suspended		27	22	49
Removed, chiefly by reduction of Diocese	240	105	103	448
Died	9	29	20	58
Present number—Total				2,150
Sunday Schools — Teachers				211
Scholars				1,641

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$1,634 00	\$1,700 00	\$1,850 00	\$5,184 00
Episcopal Fund — Annual income from assessments and contributions	3,224 00	3,408 40	3,116 16	9,748 56
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expen- diture	562 25	630 90	648 90	1,842 05
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	1,256 73	930 41	350 60	2,537 73
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	134 05	109 80	328 70	572 55
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	15 00		33 55	48 55
Education for the Ministry — Annual of- ferings	148 37	127 39	662 30	938 06
Widows and Orphans of Clergy, and Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund — Amount of capital invested				1,831 74
Other Associations — University of the South	232 66	308 87	74 75	616 28
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities				50,308 23
Total capitals invested for Church pur- poses, general, diocesan, or parochial				1,831 74
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer- ings, etc., “for pious and charitable uses,” for three years last past (not in- cluding salaries of Clergymen and pa- rochial expenses)				72,412 29
Total amount of parochial expenses				63,688 22
Number of Parishes not reporting to Con- vention	2	6	6	

DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM H. A. BISSELL, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	6	.....	7	13
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877 . .	.....	.....	.....	13
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 .	.....	.....	.....	25
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2	2	.....	4
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . .	.....	.....	.....	2
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 .	.....	.....	.....	1
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations . . . . .	.....	1	1	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2
Presbyters ordained . . . . .	.....	.....	1	1
“ received	4	1	2	7
“ instituted . . . . .	.....	.....	1	1
“ transferred	2	2	5	9
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	25

Whole number of Clergy, October 1st, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 25; Deacons, 2; Total	28
Number of Clergy without cure	2
“ “ “ receiving missionary stipends	10
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874	29

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	1
“ admitted into union with Convention	1	1
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention,	40
Whole number of Parishes	40
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874	40
Number of organized Missions	6
“ unorganized Missions	2
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	1	2
Consecrations	2	2
Whole number of Churches	37
“ “ Chapels	14
Whole number of Rectories	16
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels	\$338,200 00
“ “ Rectories	57,500 00
Total value of Church property	395,700 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	17,323 84

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				1,860
Whole number of souls reported				5,967
Baptisms — Infants	261	172	203	636
Adults	122	135	108	365
Total number of Baptisms	383	307	311	1,001
Confirmations reported	255	253	237	745
Marriages	90	74	64	228
Burials	182	208	139	529
Communicants — Present number reported, Males				861
Females				2,368
Total				3,229
Sunday Schools — Teachers				254
Scholars				1,715
Parish Schools — Number of				2
Teachers				5
Pupils				30

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — Vermont Episcopal Institute, Burlington. Pupils, 26.

THEOLOGICAL. — Willoughby Professorship. Amount of endowment, \$10,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$1,525 99	\$1,510 32	\$1,052 62	\$4,088 93
Episcopal Fund: —				
Amount of capital invested	2,300 00	2,600 00	2,738 00	2,738 00
Annual income from endowments	300 00	138 00	166 00	604 00
“ “ assessments and				
contributions	1,368 00	1,231 00	1,168 00	3,817 00
Total	1,668 00	1,419 00	1,334 00	4,421 00
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and				
contingent expenses) — Annual expen-				
diture	548 96	384 78	349 32	1,283 06
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	1,886 52	1,522 41	1,744 12	5,153 05
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	392 61	227 88	725 45	1,345 94
Home Missions for Colored People — An-				
ual offerings	73 35	30 07	36 74	140 16
Indian Missions — Annual offerings			15 00	15 00
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	104 35	146 56	103 52	354 43
Education for the Ministry — Annual offer-				
ings	78 40	10 25	135 99	224 64
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds: —				
Amount of capital invested				5,440 11
Annual income from investments	328 85	109 62	447 79	886 26
Annual offerings			47 04	47 04
Total				927 30
Miscellaneous				17,043 19
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer-				
ings, etc., “ for pious and charitable				
uses,” for three years last past (not in-				
cluding salaries of Clergymen and paro-				
chial expenses)				34,996 70

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

THE RT. REV. F. M. WHITTLE, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed			10	10
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	13	9	6	28
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				35
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				30
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	5	9	16	30
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				15
Presbyters ordained	11	10	8	29
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				125
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 125; Deacons, 15; Total				141
Number of Clergy without cure				9
“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure				7
Whole number of Clergy reported to the Convention of 1874				152

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Consecrations	4	6	3	13
Whole number of Churches				206
“ “ Chapels				6
“ “ Rectories				42
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	1,055	1,152	1,126	3,333
Adults	293	382	322	997
Total number of Baptisms	1,348	1,534	1,448	4,330
Confirmations reported	897	890	726	2,513
Marriages “	458	367	446	1,271
Burials “	823	805	804	2,432
Communicants—Whole number added	1,311	1,497	1,277	4,085
Removed	725	402	722	1,849
Died	203	221	205	629
Present number				12,306
Sunday Schools—Teachers				1,494
“ Scholars				10,078
Parish Schools—Number of				14
Teachers				39
Pupils				676

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—High School, for boys, Fairfax. Female Seminary, Staunton. Female Seminary, Winchester.

THEOLOGICAL.—Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia. Number of professors and instructors, 4; number of pupils, 40. Number of volumes in libraries, 9,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Episcopal Fund—Annual income from assessments and contributions	\$10,870	\$10,479	\$10,290	\$31,639
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	5,489	5,161	5,366	16,016
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested				6,250
Annual income from investments	570	570	570	1,710
Annual offerings	1,492	1,492	1,492	4,476
Total	2,062	2,062	2,062	6,186
Widows and Orphans of Clergy—Amount of capital invested				24,263
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities				274,845
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				327,683
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				285,000

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

THE RT. REV. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D.D., BISHOP.

The Primary Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan was held in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 2, 3, 1874. At this time, the Rev. George D. Gillespie, D.D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, was elected Bishop. The Bishop-elect was consecrated in the same church, on St. Matthias' Day, February 24, A. D. 1875.

The Diocese is essentially missionary ground. In a population of over 500,000, the most prominent points are, a city of 30,000, and a village of 11,000, one city over 8,000, and thirteen of a population from a little over 5,000 to 2,000. This leaves far more than four fifths for small villages and rural districts. This explains weakness and slow growth. There are thirteen Parishes fairly self-supporting; eighteen Parishes and ten Mission Stations more or less dependent. It must be long before the Diocese can assume any marked proportions.

The encouraging features are, that, agreeably to the legislation of the General Convention, an Episcopal Fund is secured; with the aid of the Domestic Committee about three thousand dollars is annually available for missionary operations. There is a growth in population and material wealth, and a spirit of unity and zeal marks the Clergy and Laity.

The Diocese, even in its weakness, is alive to the claims of the general charities of the Church. The members of the Board of Missions are organized to promote the interests of the Board, and the "necessity is laid" upon every Parish and Mission, to make an annual collection for each of the four branches of Missions. Convocations and a Semiannual Missionary Meeting are heartily sustained. One of the latter forms a bond of union with the old Diocese. One Presbyter has died during the year, the Rev. Luman Foote. Five Parishes are vacant; three are virtually extinct.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed		4	8	12
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				11
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted		1	3	4
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				5
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination		1	1	2
“ deposed			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				1
Presbyters ordained	1			1
“ received	3	4	4	11
“ transferred		3	2	5
“ deceased			1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				29

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 29; Deacons, 1; Total 31

Number of Clergy without cure 4

“ “ “ receiving missionary stipends 16

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes admitted into union with Convention	1		1	2
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				34
“ “ not in union with “				1
Whole number of Parishes				35
Number of organized Missions				9
“ of unorganized Missions				3
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid		1	2	3
Consecrations	1	1	2	4
Whole number of Churches				29
“ “ Chapels				5
“ “ Sittings				8,324
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				22
“ “ Sittings				4,546
Whole number of Rectories				8
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$240,801 75
“ “ Rectories				29,945 96
“ “ other Church property (other than endowments)				18,290 00
“ “ Parochial endowments				450 00
Total value of Church property				289,487 71
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				32,966 69
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				2,078
Whole number of souls reported				8,042
Number of baptized persons reported			5,983	5,983
Baptisms—Infants	289	348	321	958
Adults	89	359	267	715
Not specified		25	28	53
Total number of Baptisms	378	732	616	1,726

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Confirmations reported	231	540	437	1,208
Marriages "	103	119	111	333
Burials "	186	180	170	536
Communicants — Added by removal	168	163	161	492
" admission	211	212	368	791
Whole number added	394	695	550	1,639
Removed	316	275	231	822
Died	37	40	35	112
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3,034
Sunday Schools — Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	362
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2,465

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—St. Mark's Home and Hospital, Grand Rapids. Organized 1873. Average number of inmates, 110. Amount of endowment, \$337.18. Total income from endowment and charity for three years, \$2,586.17.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$363 97	\$894 97	\$1,024 37	\$2,783 31
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	29,524 75	29,914 75	30,842 75	. . . . .
Annual income from endowments	308 60	2,590 61	2,256 97	5,156 18
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expen- diture	172 67	283 98	475 46	932 11
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	842 34	2,006 26	1,868 84	4,717 44
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	989 89	849 80	772 44	2,612 13
Home Missions for Colored People—An- nual offerings	202 74	387 04	80 88	670 66
Indian Missions—Annual offerings	81 21	183 94	73 02	338 17
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	229 75	363 85	266 77	860 37
Education for the Ministry—Annual of- ferings	153 09	482 53	282 80	918 42
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1,300 00
Annual income from investments . . . . .	. . . . .	110 00	56 25	166 25
Annual offerings	36 71	125 27	162 54	324 52
Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	490 77
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	91,356 95
Total capitals invested for Church pur- poses, general, diocesan, or parochial . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	33,092 75
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offer- ings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not in- cluding salaries of Clergymen and paro- chial expenses) . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	110,836 51
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	85,343 98
Number of parishes not reporting to Con- vention	1	1	3	. . . . .

DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK.

THE RT. REV. ARTHUR CLEVELAND COXE, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	5	5	9	19
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	3	3	7
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on three examinations	3	1	2	6
“ received . . . . .	..	2	..	2
“ transferred . . . . .	..	2	..	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	..	..	..	6
Presbyters ordained	8	4	2	14
“ received	7	6	8	21
“ transferred	4	4	5	13
“ deceased	1	2	1	4
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	..	..	..	95

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 95; Deacons, 6; Total 102

Number of Clergy without cure 6

“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure 2

“ “ receiving missionary stipends 25

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 100

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	1	2	1	4
“ admitted into union with Convention	2	2	1	5
“ not in union with Convention . . . . .	..	..	..	33
Whole number of Parishes . . . . .	..	..	..	118
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	..	..	..	105
Number of organized Missions . . . . .	..	..	..	98
“ “ unorganized Missions . . . . .	..	..	..	38
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	2	2	1	5
Consecrations	2	3	2	7
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported . . . . .	..	..	..	7,336
Whole number of souls reported . . . . .	..	..	..	32,109
Baptisms—Infants	1,062	1,124	998	3,184
Adults	250	446	477	1,173
Not specified	34	13	15	62
Total number of Baptisms	1,346	1,583	1,490	4,419

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Confirmations reported	665	1,031	1,023	2,719
Marriages "	379	369	364	1,112
Burials "	785	748	638	2,171
Communicants — Added by removal	380	447	.. . .	807
Added by admission	512	724	.. . .	1,236
Whole number added	872	1,171	.. . .	2,043
Present number reported — Males . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	1,701
Females . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	4,653
Not specified and estimated . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	6,354
Total . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	11,795
Sunday Schools — Teachers, Males . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	284
Females . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	998
Total . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	1,282
Scholars, Males . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	2,867
Females . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	3,997
Not specified and estimated . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	2,612
Total . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	4,476
Parish and Industrial Schools — Number of . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	8
Teachers . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	71
Pupils . . . . .	.. . .	.. . .	.. . .	612

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH ASYLUMS FOR ORPHANS. — Church Home, Buffalo; Church Home, Rochester. No report has been received by the Diocesan Convention from these institutions. They are under the exclusive control of the Parishes in the respective cities in which they are located.

CHURCH HOME. — Church Home, Buffalo; Church Home, Rochester; for aged and infirm women.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — De Veaux College, Suspension Bridge; Heathcote School, Buffalo; Jane Grey School for girls, Mount Morris; Cary Collegiate Institute, Oakfield. Total number of teachers, 19; pupils, males, 127; females, 48. Total amount of endowment, \$240,000.

COLLEGIATE. — Hobart College, Geneva. Number of officers of instruction and government, 7; students, 1875, 33; 1876, 23; 1877, 47. Whole number of graduates, 477; whole number of graduates who have entered the Ministry of the Church, 120. Number of volumes in libraries, 13,000. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$373,550.

THEOLOGICAL. — De Lancey Divinity School, Geneva. Number of professors, 1; whole number of alumni, 12; amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$25,000.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. — School for boys, Rochester, under the control of the Rev. Thomas Drumm, M.D.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$5,989 28	\$8,991 34	\$5,454 86	\$20,435 48
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	27,000 00	27,000 00	27,000 00	27,000 00
Annual income from endowments	6,000 00	6,000 00	6,000 00	6,000 00
Annual income from assessments, and contributions	3,400 00	3,400 00	3,345 00	10,145 00
Total income	5,400 00	5,400 00	5,345 00	16,145 00
Diocesan expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure	1,364 53	1,432 86	1,500 00	4,297 39
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	6,400 63	6,637 37	11,513 65	24,551 70
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	3,855 41	3,882 70	2,968 94	10,707 05
Home Missions for Colored People — Annual offerings	488 65	284 25	306 70	1,079 60
Indian Missions — Annual offerings	454 43	224 51	506 33	1,185 27
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings	1,012 56	1,227 48	1,367 80	3,607 84
Education for the Ministry — Annual offerings	1,546 50	2,124 55	2,365 06	6,036 11
Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergy Funds:—				
Amount of capital invested	9,900 00	9,900 00	9,900 00	9,900 00
Annual income from investments	623 73	466 23	946 15	2,036 11
Annual offerings	1,143 72	922 17	3,897 51	5,963 40
Total	1,767 45	1,388 40	4,843 66	7,999 51
Number of parishes not reporting to Convention	9	13	12	.....

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

THE RT. REV. EDWARD R. WELLES, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	3	4	3	10
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	7
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination . . . . .	.....	.....	1	1
“ “ “ three examinations	2	3	1	6
“ transferred	1	.....	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3
Presbyters ordained	3	2	1	6
“ received	2	13	7	22
“ instituted . . . . .	.....	2	.....	2
“ transferred	5	4	12	21
“ deceased	1	1	.....	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	59

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 59; Deacons, 3; Total	63
Number of Clergy without cure	3
“ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure	5
“ “ receiving missionary stipends	17
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 (before the division of the Diocese)	83

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention . .	...	...	...	36
“ “ not in union with Convention . . . . .	...	...	...	■
Whole number of Parishes . . . . .	...	...	...	38
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	...	...	...	66
Number of organized Missions . . . . .	...	...	...	20
“ “ unorganized Missions . . . . .	...	...	...	25
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	1	...	■
Consecrations	2	1	1	4
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	...	...	...	52
“ “ Chapels . . . . .	...	...	...	6
“ “ Rectories . . . . .	...	...	...	18
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels . . . . .	...	...	...	\$439,900 00
“ “ Rectories . . . . .	...	...	...	42,040 00
“ “ other Church property . . . . .	...	...	...	221,681 00
Total value of Church property . . . . .	...	...	...	778,521 00
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported . . . . .	...	...	...	2,476
Number of individuals not included in families . . . . .	...	...	...	1,263
Whole number of souls reported . . . . .	...	...	...	10,644
Number of baptized persons reported . . . . .	...	...	...	7,819
Baptisms—Infants	370	453	553	1,376
Adults	114	119	214	447
Total number of Baptisms	484	572	767	1,823
Confirmations reported	368	478	495	1,341
Marriages “	119	144	140	403
Burials “	217	212	265	694
Communicants—Whole number added . . . . .	...	...	...	1,484
Removed	399	354	301	1,054
Died	62	70	55	187
Present number . . . . .	...	...	...	4,233
Sunday Schools—Teachers . . . . .	...	...	...	473
Scholars . . . . .	...	...	...	3,779
Parish Schools—Number of . . . . .	...	...	...	3
Number of teachers . . . . .	...	...	...	6
“ pupils . . . . .	...	...	...	106

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL.—St. Luke's Hospital, Racine.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS.—Taylor's Orphan Asylum, Racine.
Number of inmates, 50.

CHURCH HOME.—St. John's Home, Milwaukee. For old ladies of the Church. Total income from charity, \$6,000.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—Kemper Hall, Kenosha. School for girls. About fifty pupils. Lakeside Seminary, Oconomowoc. About fifty pupils.

COLLEGIATE.—Racine College, Racine.

THEOLOGICAL. — Nashotah House, Nashotah. Average number of students about fifty. Amount of endowments, including buildings and other property, \$75,000.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. — Parish Schools at Chippewa Falls, Mineral Point, and Milwaukee. Total number of pupils, 106.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$2,280 39	\$1,784 14	\$3,645 13	\$7,709 66
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested	28,496 38	23 845 00	24,120 59	24,120 59
Annual income from endowments . . .	2,248 25	2,058 09	2,059 66	6,366 00
" " " assessments and				
contributions	2,025 21	1,934 53	1,877 21	5,836 95
Total income	4,273 46	3,992 62	3,936 87	12,202 95
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and				
contingent expenses) — Annual expen-				
diture	3,802 18	3,522 24	4,133 59	11,458 01
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings . .	3,780 28	3,253 04	3,424 09	10,457 41
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings . .	494 13	131 00	360 77	985 90
Home Missions for Colored People — An-				
nual offerings	16 00	31 00	38 50	75 50
Indian Missions — Annual offerings . . .	98 11	4 00	69 50	69 50
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . .			62 92	165 03
Education for the Ministry — Annual offer-				
ings	407 91	446 31	437 76	1,291 98
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds, and Wid-				
ows and Orphans of Clergy — Annual				
offerings	345 78	323 65	323 99	993 42
Other "Benevolent and Missionary As-				
sociations of Churchmen within the				
Diocese":—				
"St. John's Home" for Old Ladies,				
Milwaukee — Contributions and offer-				
ings	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	6,000 00
Total capitals invested for Church pur-				
poses, general, diocesan, or parochial .				24,120 59
Total incomes, collections, legacies, of-				
ferings, etc., "for pious and charitable				
uses," for three years last past (not				
including salaries of clergymen and pa-				
rochial expenses				51,409 36
Total amount of salaries and parochial				
expenses)				167,408 80
Number of Parishes not reporting to Con-				
vention	3	2	1	.....

MISSIONARY JURISDICTIONS.

OREGON, AND WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

THE RT. REV. B. WISTAR MORRIS, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	3	2	.....	5
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons received . . . . .	.....	.....	1	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2
Presbyters “ “ “ “ . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	16
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 16; Deacons, 2; Total				19

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Corner-stones laid	4	1	.....	5
Consecrations . . . . .	■	.....	3	6
Whole number of Churches . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	21
“ “ Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	7
Number of Free Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	26
“ Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	200	153	139	492
Adults	68	52	29	149
Total number of Baptisms	268	205	168	641
Confirmations reported	103	109	73	285
Marriages “	50	61	50	161
Burials “	80	81	71	232
Communicants—Whole number added	105	81	79	265
Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	737
Sunday Schools—Teachers . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	100
Scholars . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	942
Parish Schools—Number of . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2
“ Pupils . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	65

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CHURCH HOSPITAL. — Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon. Organized 1875. Number of inmates, 1876, 51; 1877, 139; total, 190. Amount of endowment, \$2,500.

CHURCH ASYLUM FOR ORPHANS. — Good Samaritan Orphanage, Portland, Oregon. Organized 1875. Amount of endowment, \$1,000.

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—St. Helen's Hall, Portland, Oregon. Bishop Scott Grammar School, Portland, Oregon. St. Paul's School for girls, Walla Walla, W. T. Total number of teachers, 15; pupils, males, 60; females, 175.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings . .	\$253 75	\$459 20	\$195 25	\$988 20
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings . .	273 29	343 70	463 17	1,080 15
Indian Missions — Annual offerings . . .	11 00	12 90	8 00	31 90
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings. . .	29 60	106 50	159 70	295 80
Aged and Infirm Clergy Funds — Annual offerings	82 40	121 50	35 30	239 20
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities — Annual contributions	774 64	784 05	1,086 35	2,645 04
Total capitals invested for Church purposes, general, diocesan, or parochial . .	.....	.....	.....	21,000 00

DAKOTA.

THE RT. REV. ROBERT H. CLARKSON, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

Clergy	6
Churches and Chapels	8
Confirmed in three years past	81
Baptisms — Infants, 77; adults, 26; total	103
Number of Church families	210
Communicants	204
Contributions for all objects	\$4,915
Ordinations — Priests, 3; Deacons, 1; total	4
Lay Readers — Present number	5
Value of Church property	12,500

COLORADO AND WYOMING.

THE RT. REV. JOHN FRANKLIN SPALDING, D.D., BISHOP.

Herewith is presented the Triennial Report of Church work in Colorado and Wyoming. The statistics are as full as it was possible to secure. The growth of the Church and improvements in our educational and missionary interests are in nearly all respects encouraging. Reference is made to the annual reports to the Board of Missions for additional details.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	9	13	16	38
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				16
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				7
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	2		3
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				1
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				4
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination			1	1
“ “ three examinations		1		1
“ received	2	1		3
“ transferred	2	1		3
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				■
Presbyters ordained	2	2	3	7
“ received	7		1	8
“ transferred	5	3	1	9
“ deposed	1	1	1	■
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				18
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 18; Deacons, 3; Total				22
Number of Clergy without cure				2
“ “ receiving missionary stipends				13
Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874				25

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				10
Whole number of Parishes				10
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				7
Number of organized Missions				14
“ unorganized Missions				12
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	1	2	1	4
Consecrations		2	3	5
Whole number of Churches				23
“ “ Free Sittings				3,400
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				22
“ Sittings				3,000
Whole number of Rectories				5
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$79,700 00
“ “ Rectories				6,500 00
“ “ other Church property				65,000 00
Total value of Church property				151,200 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				3,000 00
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported	436	389	657	■
Whole number of souls reported	1,151	2,451	2,706	■
Baptisms—Infants	150	228	175	553
Adults	31	46	56	133
Total number of Baptisms	181	274	231	686
Confirmations reported	57	133	111	306
Marriages	55	51	58	159
Burials	73	110	90	273
Communicants—Whole number added	71	188	104	363
Present number				864
Sunday Schools—Teachers	93	120	123	■
Scholars	765	996	995	■

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — Wolfe Hall, Denver, Col., being the Diocesan school for girls. Number of teachers, 8; pupils, 80. Value of buildings, etc., \$25,000.

COLLEGIATE. — Jarvis Hall, Golden City, Col. Number of officers of instruction and government, 2; average number of students, 25. Number of volumes in libraries, 2,000. Value of buildings, etc., \$12,000.

THEOLOGICAL. — Mathews Hall, Golden City, Col., being the Jarvis Theological School. Average number of students, 2; number of alumni, 7; number of volumes in libraries, 1,500. Amount of endowments, land, \$15,000; buildings, etc., \$10,000.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$541 90	\$445 20	\$337 86	\$1,324 96
Episcopal Fund:—				
Amount of capital invested . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	204 87
Annual income from contributions . . .	52 23	71 15	57 69	181 07
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses) — Annual expenditure .	60 00	60 00	60 00	180 00
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings . . .	427 81	469 90	434 96	1,332 67
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings . . .	20 90	96 04	83 20	200 14
Foreign Missions — Annual offerings . . .	14 53	12 90	64 70	92 13
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., “for pious and charitable uses” for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses) . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	3,525 84
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	41,716 10

MONTANA, INCLUDING UTAH AND IDAHO.

THE RT. REV. DANIEL SYLVESTER TUTTLE, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	.. . . .	2	3
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877 . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	3
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Presbyters ordained . . . . .	.. . . .	1	.. . . .	1
“ received	3	1	1	5
“ transferred	1	2	.. . . .	3
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	12
Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—				
Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 12; Total	13			
Number of Clergy without cure	1			
“ “ receiving missionary stipends	9			

NEVADA.

THE RT. REV. OZI WILLIAM WHITAKER, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	1	.....	.....	1
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons received	1	.....	.....	2
Presbyters ordained . . . . .	.....	2	.....	2
" received . . . . .	.....	.....	2	2
" transferred . . . . .	.....	.....	2	2
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 8; Total 9

Number of Clergy without cure 1

" " receiving missionary stipends 5

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 9

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Whole number of Parishes	9
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874	9
Number of unorganized Missions	6
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations	1	1	.....	2
Whole number of Churches	9
" " Chapels	*5
" " Sittings	2,200
Number of Free Churches	7
" " Chapels (as above)	5
" " Sittings	1,350
Whole number of Rectories	8
Estimated value of Churches	\$58,000 00
" " Rectories	14,500 00
" " other Church property	30,000 00
Total value of Church property	102,500 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	15,500 00

*None of these "Chapels" are owned by the Church.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	129	110	140	379
Adults	11	10	19	40
Total number of Baptisms	140	120	159	419
Confirmations reported	41	38	30	109
Marriages "	64	73	60	197
Burials "	139	119	103	361
Communicants—Added by removal	14	15	23	57
" admission	41	37	30	108
Whole number added	55	52	58	165
Removed	21	17	43	81
Died	3	3	4	10
Present number reported:—				
Males				52
Females				276
Total				328
Sunday Schools—Teachers, Males	19	20	16	
Females	67	59	79	
Total	86	79	95	
Scholars, Males	509	470	445	
Females	678	654	641	
Total	1187	1124	1086	

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC.—Bishop Whitaker's school for girls, Reno, Nevada. Number of teachers, 5; pupils, 52.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$582 00	\$460 05	\$582 66	\$1,624 71
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	455 00	28 50		483 50
Domestic Missions—Annual offerings	471 00	66 25	499 70	1,036 95
Foreign Missions—Annual offerings	31 60	14 00	42 50	88 10
Education for the Ministry—Annual offerings			10 00	10 00
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)				41,690 52
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				54,444 ■■

NIOBRARA.

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM HOBART HARE, D.D., BISHOP.

Ill health, induced by exposure, has seriously interfered with the discharge of the Bishop's duties during a portion of the last three years. The Mission has, however, made signal progress. The boarding-schools, always a great satisfaction, have been during the past year in better condition than ever before. The attendance at the day-schools, and the results of our efforts in this line, show a decided advance. Our congregations have been larger. The desire for schools and churches among the tribes not yet reached is decidedly on the increase. One hundred and eighty-three infants and one hundred adults have been baptized. Twenty-seven Santees, eighty-two Yanktons, eight Yanktonnais, twenty-one Upper Brulés, and thirteen white persons have been confirmed. Seven natives and one white have been admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders, the present number being eleven. Our native Clergy have been doing well and have been a great comfort to us. One Yankton has been ordered Deacon, the first of his race ever admitted to that Office. One Santee and one white Deacon have been raised to the Priesthood. Better than all, perhaps, not one Clergyman has been lost to the Mission by death or removal; and this has been true for four years last past, with the exception of the case of the Rev. R. A. B. Ffennell, shot by a hostile Indian while faithfully discharging his duty. In all our hearts grows the conviction, too, that if the present policy of the government, which is better than any known before, is adhered to, and the educational and Missionary work be persevered in, there is every reason to hope that the whole Sioux nation, some 40,000 in number, — some of the wildest Indians on this continent, — will, however humble their vocation as a race, at least become a peaceable people, and realize in their measure what those should be who have become "fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed	11	10	11	32
Present number of Lay Readers, October 1, 1877				11
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				11
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted		2	8	10
Present number of Candidates, October 1, 1877				11
Number reported to the General Convention of 1874				5
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination		1	1	2
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				3
Presbyters ordained			2	2
" canonically resident, October 1, 1877				8

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 8; Deacons, 3; Total 12

Number of Clergy without cure 1

" engaged in teaching and having no cure 1

" receiving missionary stipends 11

Whole number of Clergy reported to Convention of 1874 10

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Whole number of Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	12
“ “ Sittings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,800
Number of Free Churches and Chapels . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	12
“ “ Sittings . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,800
Whole number of Rectories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	6
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported . . . . .	.....	.....	441	441
Whole number of souls reported . . . . .	.....	.....	1,600	1,600
Baptisms — Infants	80	116	178	374
Adults	21	57	111	189
Total number of Baptisms	101	173	289	563
Confirmations reported	1	.....	103	104
Marriages “	18	26	33	77
Burials “	41	62	64	167
Communicants — Present number . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	473
Parish Schools — Number of	11	11	12	12
Teachers	11	11	12	12
Pupils	222	333	429	429

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — St. Paul's Boarding-School for boys, Yankton Agency; St. Mary's Boarding-School for girls, Santee Agency; Emmanuel Hall, for girls, Yankton Agency; Crow Creek School for boys, Crow Creek Agency; Striped Cloud's School for girls, Cheyenne Agency. Total number of teachers 10; pupils, males, 50; females, 55.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Diocesan Missions — Offerings	\$426 93
Domestic Missions — Offerings	31 19
Home Missions for Colored People — Offering	39 96
Indian Missions — Offerings	26 03
Foreign Missions — Offerings	37 43
Miscellaneous and unspecified charities	40 35
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., “for pious and charitable uses” for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses)	601 94

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

THE RT. REV. J. H. D WINGFIELD, D.D., LL.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

Number of Presbyters deceased, 1; deposited, 1.

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 14; Total 15
 Number of Clergy without cure 5
 “ “ engaged in teaching and having no cure. . . . 2

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized			1	1
“ admitted into union with Convention			1	1
Whole number of Parishes				13
Number of organized Missions				2
“ unorganized Missions				7
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Consecrations		1		1
Whole number of Churches				13
“ “ Chapels				1
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				10
Whole number of Rectories				4
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$38,400
“ “ Rectories				6,500
“ “ other Church property				13,240
Total value of Church property				58,140
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				17,010
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported	390	378	524	
Whole number of souls reported	1,923	742	1,403	
Baptisms—Infants	107	183	167	457
Adults	38	63	23	124
Total number of Baptisms	145	246	190	581
Confirmations reported	93	214	127	434
Marriages	28	62	61	151
Burials	71	102	85	258
Communicants—Added by removal	3	20	29	52
“ admission	113	103	48	264
Whole number added	116	123	77	316
Removed	74	72	27	173
Died	12	18	4	34
Present number				568
Sunday Schools—Teachers, Males	18	14	23	
Females	58	46	83	
Total	76	60	106	
Scholars, Males	227	238	343	
Females	338	364	494	
Total	565	602	837	

DIOCESAN OR PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ACADEMIC. — St. Mary of the Pacific, Benicia. Number of teachers, 7; pupils, females, 36.

COLLEGIATE. — Missionary College of St. Augustine, Benicia. Number of officers of instruction and government, 10; students, 1875, 65; 1876, 87; 1877, 83. Whole number of graduates who have entered the Ministry of the Church, 7. Number of volumes in libraries, 1,200.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Communion Alms reported	\$480 50	\$313 60	\$604 10	\$1,398 20
Episcopal Fund — Annual income from assessments and contributions	37 20	13 00	21 75	81 95
Diocesan Missions — Annual offerings	271 75	254 25	127 05	653 05
Domestic Missions — Annual offerings	32 10	34 40	59 75	126 25
Foreign Missions, and other objects outside jurisdiction — Annual offerings	5 60	3 50	12 50	21 60
Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc., "for pious and charitable uses," for three years last past (not including salaries of Clergymen and parochial expenses) . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2,281 05
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	33,330 44
Number of parishes not reporting	2	3	6	.....

WESTERN TEXAS.

THE RT. REV. R. W. B. ELLIOTT, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	1	.....	.....	1
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons ordained on one examination	1	.....	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2
Presbyters received	1	1	2	4
“ transferred . . . . .	.....	1	1	2
“ deceased . . . . .	.....	1	.....	1
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877 . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	8

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 8; Deacons, 2; Total 11

Number of Clergy receiving missionary stipends 6

PARISHES, AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention				11
Whole number of Parishes				11
Number of unorganized Missions				10
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid	2	1	1	4
Consecrations		1	2	3
Whole number of Churches				10
“ “ “ Sittings				2,200
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				8
Whole number of Rectories				2
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$45,000 00
“ “ “ Rectories				3,000 00
Total value of Church property				48,000 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				5,000 00
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Baptisms—Infants	51	123	78	252
Adults	9	16	11	35
Total number of Baptisms	60	139	89	287
Confirmations reported	42	75	52	169
Marriages “	18	11	17	46
Burials “	42	41	20	103
Communicants—Whole number added				148
Removed or died				54
Present number				575
Sunday Schools—Teachers				65
Scholars				463

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

“Total incomes, collections, legacies, offerings, etc.,” for three years last past, \$38,542.

NORTHERN TEXAS.

THE RT. REV. ALEXANDER CHARLES GARRETT, D.D., BISHOP.

TABULAR DIGEST OF THE TRIENNIAL REPORT.

CLERGY, CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND LAY READERS.

CLERGY, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Lay Readers licensed		2	5	7
Whole number holding licenses, October 1, 1877				11
Present number of Candidates for Holy Orders, October 1, 1877				2
<i>Clergy.</i>				
Deacons received	1		1	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				1
Presbyters ordained		1		1
“ received	4	4	1	9
“ transferred		1	5	6
“ deceased			2	2
“ canonically resident, October 1, 1877				6

Whole number of Clergy, October 1, 1877:—

Bishop, 1; Presbyters, 6; Deacons, 1; Total 8
 Number of Clergy without cure 1

PARISHES AND PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES, ETC.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Parishes organized	6	1	7	
“ admitted into union with Convention	6	1	6	
Present number of Parishes in union with Convention			8	
Whole number of Parishes			8	
Number of organized Missions			7	
“ unorganized Missions			4	
<i>Churches and Chapels.</i>				
Corner-stones laid		2	1	■
Consecrations		1		1
Whole number of Churches				7
“ “ Chapels				2
“ “ Sittings				1,975
Number of Free Churches and Chapels				9
“ “ Sittings				1,975
Whole number of Rectories				3
Estimated value of Churches and Chapels				\$34,270 00
“ “ Rectories				2,250 00
Total value of Church property				\$6,520 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property				2,800 00
<i>Parochial Statistics.</i>				
Number of families reported				236
Baptisms—Infants	49	101	118	268
Adults	21	26	41	88
Total number of Baptisms	70	127	159	356
Confirmations reported	43	66	81	190
Marriages	23	30	29	82
Burials	39	55	45	139
Communicants—Whole number added	69	165	277	511
Present number				777
Sunday Schools—Teachers	45	45	41	131
Scholars	267	364	394	1,025

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT.

CAPITALS AND ANNUAL INCOMES.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Diocesan Expenditures (Convention and contingent expenses)—Annual expenditure	\$100 00	145 05	\$155 00	\$255 00
Diocesan Missions—Annual offerings	251 99		282 70	679 74
Total amount of salaries and parochial expenses				10,000 00

The Secretary has received no reports from the Missionary Jurisdictions of New Mexico and Arizona, Cape Palmas, China, Japan, and Haiti.

TABULAR VIEW OF SOME OF THE CHIEF ITEMS OF STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE FOREGOING TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

DIOCESES.		Lay Readers.	Candidates for Holy Orders.	Ordained Deacons.	Number of Deacons.	Ordained Priests.	Number of Priests.	Whole number of Clergy.	Whole number of Parishes.	Number of Missions.	Churches Consecrated.	Whole number of Churches and Chapels.	Number of Rectories.
1.	Alabama	24	6	3	4	1	20	25	43	6	1	35	10
2.	Albany	41	23	18	12	18	104	117	111	34	6	114	1
3.	Arkansas	2	2	1	1	3	13	15	15	..	..	..	1
4.	California . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5.	Central New York	39	8	13	8	19	93	102	106	33	8	114	53
6.	Central Pennsylvania . . . . .	..	4	7	7	10	86	94	90	20	8	86	41
7.	Connecticut . . . . .	..	18	35	13	25	173	187	149	24	8	164	79
8.	Delaware	6	3	1	1	2	25	27	23	6	2	35	8
9.	Easton	8	1	1	2	2	29	32	34	1	3	56	19
10.	Florida	12	1	3	3	1	14	18	16	8	..	17	9
11.	Fond du Lac	6	1	..	..	..	27	28	21	9	1	43	11
12.	Georgia	12	4	2	4	7	23	28	..	..	4	..	..
13.	Illinois	40	17	10	9	10	91	101	..	..	8	..	..
14.	Indiana	12	3	4	..	10	30	31	42	4	2	51	18
15.	Iowa	14	4	5	3	7	40	44	55	28	3	58	9
16.	Kansas	43	2	1	1	2	19	21	31	17	7	24	6
17.	Kentucky	22	9	4	6	1	32	40	35	37	2	43	9
18.	Long Island	14	1	15	8	10	83	92	72	22	1	93	29
19.	Louisiana . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20.	Maine . . . . .	..	6	6	6	3	18	25	21	18	2	36	11
21.	Maryland	13	23	9	11	13	144	157	134	10	5	177	57
22.	Massachusetts	64	11	10	8	12	144	151	106	24	14	125	32
23.	Michigan . . . . .	..	6	4	3	5	49	53	63	24	4	81	22
24.	Minnesota	46	18	10	8	11	49	58	70	101	7	79	20
25.	Mississippi	28	11	3	2	4	20	23	(83 inclu'd)	..	..	48	11
26.	Missouri	18	4	8	4	10	42	47	44	36	5	60	11
27.	Nebraska	17	2	9	8	4	18	27	26	17	2	31	7
28.	New Hampshire	8	8	5	4	8	27	32	17	9	5	29	4
29.	New Jersey	16	6	6	7	4	84	92	74	28	3	90	31
30.	New York . . . . .	..	32	33	22	23	285	308	..	..	5	196	..
31.	North Carolina	46	9	5	13	3	45	60	85	38	5	107	29
32.	Northern New Jersey	39	5	6	5	5	63	69	69	15	..	72	29
33.	Ohio . . . . .	..	8	7	4	7	65	70	80	9	6	80	28
34.	Pennsylvania	14	14	37	17	17	167	185	122	..	9	137	61
35.	Pittsburgh	45	9	4	2	6	44	47	57	25	5	82	13
36.	Rhode Island . . . . .	..	5	4	1	6	43	45	44	13	2	45	18
37.	South Carolina	13	4	6	4	3	42	47	67	12	3	75	23
38.	Southern Ohio	8	4	2	2	2	42	45	46	17	3	46	10
39.	Tennessee	18	8	8	8	4	27	36	31	13	..	38	7
40.	Texas	21	8	5	3	3	19	23	29	34	3	26	4
41.	Vermont	13	2	2	2	1	25	28	40	8	2	51	16
42.	Virginia . . . . .	..	35	30	15	29	125	141	..	..	13	212	42
43.	Western Michigan	11	5	2	1	1	29	31	35	12	4	34	8
44.	Western New York . . . . .	..	..	6	6	14	95	102	118	123	7	..	..
45.	Wisconsin . . . . .	..	7	7	3	6	59	63	38	45	4	58	18
<i>Missionary Jurisdictions.</i>													
46.	Oregon and Washing'n Ter. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	16	19	..	..	6	28	5
47.	Dakota	5	..	1	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	8	..
48.	Colorado and Wyoming	16	1	2	3	7	18	22	10	26	..	23	5
49.	Montana . . . . .	..	3	..	..	1	12	13	2	12	1	7	3
50.	Nevada	1	..	..	..	2	8	9	9	6	2	14	8
51.	Niobrara	11	11	2	3	2	8	12	..	..	..	12	6
52.	Northern California . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	14	15	13	9	1	14	4
53.	Western Texas . . . . .	..	..	1	2	..	8	11	11	10	3	10	2
54.	Northern Texas	11	2	..	1	1	6	8	8	11	1	9	3
		786	376	363	262	348	2,762	3,082	2,401	959	200	3,053	832

TABULAR VIEW OF SOME OF THE CHIEF ITEMS OF STATISTICS. — *Continued.*

DIOCESES.		Number of families.	Number of souls.	Baptisms — Infants.	Baptisms — Adults.	Total number of Baptisms.	Number confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.
1	Alabama . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1,285	843	242	582
2	Albany . . . . .	...	...	3,783	1,139	4,922	3,267	1,043	2,094
3	Arkansas . . . . .	...	...	...	...	287	196	32	127
4	California . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Central New York	7,037	...	2,816	1,363	4,179	3,033	1,084	2,237
6	Central Pennsylvania . . . . .	...	...	2,881	540	3,421	1,834	596	1,343
7	Connecticut	12,539	...	4,677	1,299	5,976	3,617	1,944	4,032
8	Delaware . . . . .	...	...	764	158	922	526	178	555
9	Easton	1,301	6,297	1,036	77	1,113	526	202	467
10	Florida	591	...	471	75	546	360	85	126
11	Fond du Lac	1,174	5,042	747	194	941	588	187	418
12	Georgia . . . . .	...	...	1,374	391	1,765	1,043	380	675
13	Illinois	4,401	20,512	3,222	591	3,813	2,021	969	1,387
14	Indiana . . . . .	...	...	1,159	359	1,518	882	295	577
15	Iowa	2,351	9,033	868	271	1,139	634	278	437
16	Kansas	644	...	331	109	440	270	141	160
17	Kentucky	1,500	7,500	1,298	355	1,653	1,214	343	640
18	Long Island	5,943	23,929	5,051	868	5,919	3,351	1,388	3,783
19	Louisiana . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Maine	1,628	...	728	204	932	452	210	524
21	Maryland	6,216	28,078	6,451	992	7,443	4,278	1,375	3,452
22	Massachusetts	4,825	...	4,825	1,142	5,967	3,742	1,554	2,989
23	Michigan	4,869	28,803	2,539	664	3,240	2,004	877	1,379
24	Minnesota	2,839	12,040	1,712	618	2,330	1,282	439	790
25	Mississippi	1,032	...	823	249	1,072	627	204	429
26	Missouri . . . . .	...	...	1,865	511	2,376	1,273	620	1,090
27	Nebraska . . . . .	...	...	505	173	678	301	134	177
28	New Hampshire . . . . .	...	...	466	234	700	508	186	347
29	New Jersey . . . . .	...	...	2,689	727	3,416	1,827	572	1,528
30	New York . . . . .	...	...	12,032	2,156	14,188	8,889	3,073	7,295
31	North Carolina	2,164	9,929	1,865	525	2,390	1,612	344	832
32	Northern New Jersey	3,012	...	2,779	458	3,383	2,102	689	1,666
33	Ohio . . . . .	...	...	2,408	639	3,047	1,601	760	1,421
34	Pennsylvania . . . . .	...	...	8,530	1,665	10,195	5,958	2,372	5,521
35	Pittsburgh	3,220	20,300	2,657	504	3,161	1,743	411	975
36	Rhode Island . . . . .	...	...	1,872	547	2,419	1,326	725	1,382
37	South Carolina	1,836	7,216	1,456	205	1,661	1,074	309	1,067
38	Southern Ohio . . . . .	...	...	588	266	854	862	229	433
39	Tennessee . . . . .	...	...	855	195	1,588	847	...	...
40	Texas	1,319	...	916	217	1,133	685	236	221
41	Vermont	1,860	5,967	638	365	1,001	745	228	529
42	Virginia . . . . .	...	...	3,333	997	4,330	2,513	1,271	2,432
43	Western Michigan	2,078	8,042	958	715	1,726	1,208	333	536
44	Western New York	7,336	32,109	3,184	1,173	4,419	2,719	1,112	2,171
45	Wisconsin	2,476	10,644	1,376	447	1,823	1,341	403	694
<i>Missionary Jurisdictions.</i>									
46	Oregon and Washington Territory . . . . .	...	...	492	149	641	285	161	232
47	Dakota	210	...	77	28	103	81	...	...
48	Colorado and Wyoming	657	2,706	553	133	686	306	159	273
49	Montana . . . . .	...	...	489	141	630	236	222	197
50	Nevada . . . . .	...	...	379	40	419	109	197	361
51	Niobrara	441	1,600	374	139	563	104	77	167
52	Northern California	524	1,403	457	124	581	434	151	258
53	Western Texas . . . . .	...	...	252	35	287	169	46	103
54	Northern Texas	236	...	268	88	356	190	82	139
		80,734	242,150	101,847	25,302	129,757	77,638	29,351	61,200

TABULAR VIEW OF SOME OF THE CHIEF ITEMS OF STATISTICS.—Continued.

Communicants Ad'd.	Communicants Died.	Present number of Communicants.	Sunday-sch'l teachers.	Sunday-sch'l scholars.	Parish-sch'l teachers.	Parish-sch'l scholars.	Church Hospitals.	Ch. Orphan Asylums.	Church Homes.	Academic Institutions.	Collegiate Institutions.	Theological Institutions.	Other Institutions.	Communion Alms.	Episcopal Fund.— Total Income.
...	...	3,508	253	1,725	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	\$5,392 20	\$4,207 65
...	...	10,656	1,125	8,852	53	446	1	2	1	6	1	...	...	29,424 32	7,690 91
...	...	1,000	...	326	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	763 11	...
...	...	11,589	1,136	8,307	2	80	2	1	2	3	1	2	...	12,736 56	13,515 21
...	...	6,512	961	10,893	...	...	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	11,944 14	...
2,260	990	18,630	1,800	13,953	...	...	...	...	5	2	1	1	...	44,763 00	16,835 99
364	83	2,083	282	2,591	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,677 91	4,367 73
285	99	2,367	229	1,468	6	75	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,121 16
131	44	1,184	134	1,254	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,278 74
573	55	1,882	192	1,533	8	167	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1,494 00	2,473 40
888	178	4,339	332	2,498	4	202	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	10,264 47	13,000 00
1,190	245	8,100	869	7,473	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	10,550 00
463	145	3,566	450	4,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,732 78
335	...	3,417	452	3,542	4	73	1	1	1	1	1	2	...	1,379 39	7,200 00
190	...	1,275	126	897	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	837 83	13,144 12
308	125	4,336	394	3,938	6	151	3	...	...	...	1	3	...	8,876 09	19,928 92
2,656	566	13,638	2,110	14,638	203	1,582	2	1	3	8	...	3	...	43,105 00	...
...
353	119	2,101	193	1,581	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	774 79	3,362 79
3,099	760	17,878	1,616	13,864	176	2,093	1	4	4	15	...	1	...	78,032 14	8,854 50
2,045	...	14,879	1,548	12,174	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	56,610 70	23,801 80
840	...	6,644	775	6,752	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	8,870 20	10,404 60
...	...	3,544	475	3,869	12	244	3	...	2	...	1	5	...	7,397 57	8,274 33
...	...	2,200	225	1,662	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2,390 17	...
1,068	194	5,150	424	3,652	5	90	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	5,560 79	14,310 75
...	...	1,104	142	1,137	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	781 62	3,405 43
287	...	1,833	149	1,251	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	7,621 75
...	...	7,071	773	7,109	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	20,978 66	10,128 82
...	...	31,777	2,230	25,960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,073 82
...	...	4,596	456	3,807	14	509	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1,952 82	18,735 70
...	...	6,600	798	7,441	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	18,000 00
1,295	259	6,330	841	7,381	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	2	...	43,899 19	14,663 23
3,601	...	22,927	2,789	31,151	56	1,090	2	2	1	1	1	7	...	78,776 31	23,601 02
1,388	240	5,148	627	5,916	89	735	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	11,360 00	12,258 00
1,174	217	5,951	723	6,236	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,000 00
974	...	4,043	177	1,212	11	284	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	16,392 50	14,523 00
648	112	4,489	470	4,252	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,792 21	11,153 04
...	...	3,126	311	2,271	5	120	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	8,528 85
298	58	2,150	211	1,641	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,184 00	9,748 56
...	...	3,229	254	1,715	5	30	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	4,088 93	4,421 00
2,236	629	12,306	1,494	10,078	39	676	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	31,639 00
617	112	3,034	362	2,465	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,783 31	5,156 18
2,043	...	11,795	1,282	9,476	71	612	2	2	4	1	1	1	...	20,435 48	27,000 00
430	187	4,233	473	3,779	6	106	1	1	1	1	1	3	...	7,709 66	12,202 95
...
265	...	737	100	942	...	65	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	204	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...
363	...	864	123	995	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1,324 96	385 94
...	...	591	70	947	21	788	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
84	10	328	95	1,086	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1,624 71	...
...	...	473	...	...	12	429	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
143	34	568	106	837	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1,398 20	81 95
94	...	575	65	463	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
511	...	777	41	394	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33,299	5,461	297,387	30,323	250,984	817	10,647	27	30	34	81	14	16	32	\$551,892 87	\$438,348 86

TABULAR VIEW OF SOME OF THE CHIEF ITEMS OF STATISTICS.—Continued.

DIOCESSES.	Diocesan Expenditures, Convention, etc.	Diocesan Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Home Missions for Colored People.	Indian Missions.	Foreign Missions.
1 Alabama	\$10,873 13	\$5,448 30	\$854 38	1,135 79	\$1,861 77	\$347 35
2 Albany	5,969 81	34,145 46	10,669 29	4 00	1,861 77	6,251 79
3 Arkansas	80 00	80 00	362 46	4 00	1,861 77	14 00
4 California	5,314 15	34,443 68	13,231 27	1,598 88	2,448 72	4,220 23
5 Central New York	4,175 37	29,736 66	5,222 50	475 02	1,788 01	4,537 33
6 Central Pennsylvania	3,825 42	38,661 14	58,741 95	1,598 88	2,448 72	9,316 25
7 Connecticut	890 34	3,446 49	*7,500 61	1,598 88	2,448 72	5,274 97
8 Delaware	5,692 48	897 84	392 85	1,598 88	2,448 72	412 75
9 Easton	589 15	1,605 60	392 85	1,598 88	2,448 72	77 80
10 Florida	5,143 15	4,673 64	253 72	40 19	116 53	104 49
11 Fond du Lac	2,520 86	9,868 28	1,328 82	140 00	231 94	834 63
12 Georgia	7,030 44	7,030 44	3,033 69	140 00	231 94	836 97
13 Illinois	10,000 00	5,138 23	786 63	63 53	181 56	876 13
14 Indiana	1,754 79	814 54	110 13	14 15	16 25	87 64
15 Iowa	750 00	8,490 50	3,481 47	43 04	2,331 21	2,331 21
16 Kansas	3,054 59	16,287 31	40,135 00	5,435 00	6,335 00	15,609 00
17 Kentucky	698 25	5,940 95	745 97	14 55	5 00	377 08
18 Long Island	24,273 67	20,083 03	32,848 39	1,642 23	1,301 22	17,648 64
19 Louisiana	6,377 66	35,299 25	21,396 53	1,935 53	12,080 91	22,762 18
20 Maine	3,558 33	10,535 67	3,445 81	554 54	728 96	3,788 01
21 Maryland	1,038 50	12,716 86	1,250 28	202 80	641 88	641 88
22 Massachusetts	7,548 65	10,387 65	1,675 87	53 70	619 49	619 49
23 Michigan	1,880 45	2,192 83	493 91	53 70	35 65	35 65
24 Minnesota	611 05	5,506 70	*1,197 53	1,075 94	1,714 82	562 52
25 Mississippi	313 00	18,013 17	16,446 54	1,075 94	1,714 82	5,106 50
26 Missouri	3,501 05	19,964 84	109,489 84	8,110 08	38,301 59	52,851 27
27 Nebraska	13,362 56	6,112 77	1,647 43	101 30	52 94	816 31
28 New Hampshire	2,433 46	8,318 00	8,463 48	397 96	610 35	4,202 32
29 New Jersey	1,804 00	8,463 48	6,746 73	397 96	610 35	4,202 32
30 New York	2,478 30	8,463 48	6,746 73	397 96	610 35	4,202 32
31 North Carolina	8,463 48	17,689 75	63,106 09	5,869 82	3,682 81	42,069 49
32 Northern New Jersey	8,463 48	17,689 75	63,106 09	5,869 82	3,682 81	42,069 49
33 Ohio	8,463 48	17,689 75	63,106 09	5,869 82	3,682 81	42,069 49
34 Pennsylvania	8,463 48	17,689 75	63,106 09	5,869 82	3,682 81	42,069 49
35 Pittsburgh	2,424 00	16,733 00	8,372 00	2,380 00	1,136 00	9,711 00
36 Rhode Island	1,909 00	16,121 00	18,994 00	1,992 00	71 49	9,634 00
37 South Carolina	2,663 00	10,221 00	1,329 91	37 98	71 49	1,265 91
38 Southern Ohio	9,914 08	8,096 42	5,975 92	75 50	69 50	3,867 18
39 Tennessee	1,775 30	2,537 73	572 55	140 16	15 00	48 55
40 Texas	1,842 05	5,153 05	1,345 94	140 16	15 00	354 43
41 Vermont	1,283 06	16,016 00	2,612 13	670 66	338 17	860 37
42 Virginia	932 11	4,717 44	10,707 05	1,079 60	1,185 27	3,607 84
43 Western Michigan	4,297 39	24,551 70	985 90	75 50	69 50	165 03
44 Western New York	11,458 01	10,457 41	985 90	75 50	69 50	165 03
45 Wisconsin	11,458 01	10,457 41	985 90	75 50	69 50	165 03
<i>Mission's Jurisdiction's</i>						
46 Oregon & Wash. Ter.	988 20	1,080 15	1,080 15	31 90	295 80	295 80
47 Dakota	180 00	1,332 67	200 14	200 14	92 13	92 13
48 Colorado & Wyoming	180 00	1,332 67	200 14	200 14	92 13	92 13
49 Montana	483 50	1,036 95	1,036 95	39 96	88 10	88 10
50 Nevada	426 93	31 19	31 19	39 96	87 43	87 43
51 Niobrara	653 05	126 25	126 25	39 96	21 60	21 60
52 Northern California	653 05	126 25	126 25	39 96	21 60	21 60
53 Western Texas	255 00	679 74	679 74	679 74	679 74	679 74
54 Northern Texas	255 00	679 74	679 74	679 74	679 74	679 74
	\$176,212 08	\$500,766 40	\$461,606 17	\$35,280 77	\$74,374 80	\$231,303 30

* Including Missions for Colored People and Indians.

TABULAR VIEW OF SOME OF THE CHIEF ITEMS OF STATISTICS. — *Continued.*

Education for the Ministry.	Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.	Widows and Orphans of Clergy.	Other and Miscellaneous Charities.	Total amount of Charitable Offerings and Income.	Total amount of Salaries and Parochial Expenses.	No. of Parishes not reporting — A'ge.	Total Offerings for Religious Purposes.
\$1,670 55	\$1,384 58	\$1,589 53	\$254,905 72	\$27,123 01			\$27,123 01
			380 85	350,699 52	\$513,007 45	20	863,706 97
				1,604 42			1,604 42
5,790 50	(4,521 19 included)		165,214 65	266,777 25	445,284 55	4	712,061 80
8,758 72	(3,009 24 included)		2,535 53	72,182 52	1,355,484 62	14	1,427,667 14
	5,210 04			137,353 79	1,000,556 23		1,137,910 02
2,639 98	903 45		563 55	29,315 03	65,025 20		94,340 23
118 53		750 99	10,767 73	26,186 90	108,491 37	5	134,678 27
				7,944 14		6	7,944 14
	(552 48 included)		8 440 14	22 739 35	85,843 36	2	108,582 71
	704 66	2,474 13	157,296 80	(401,377 94 included)			401,377 94
1,600 00	1,559 89			(622,736 44 included)			622,736 44
			154,000 00			7	174,550 00
798 12			211,428 47	276,139 63	79,050 99	18	315,190 62
20 00	40 50			4,891 04	15,210 75		20,101 79
1,482 72			165,862 31	203,211 46	159,323 76	10	362,535 22
10,761 00	11,964 75			697,691 29	753,417 00	5	1,451,108 29
722 42			3 719 82	58,944 81	65,502 70	2	124,447 51
23,803 31	4,015 97	28,334 83	146,941 35	479,627 91	715,900 89	11	1,195,528 80
12,802 65	3 914 82	13,959 43	17,725 94	228,687 40	1,326,416 10	6	1,555,083 60
3,229 25	(2,929 62 included)		51,520 58	99 565 57	396,983 49	11	496,549 06
335 28	380 64		23,235 10	55 473 24	183,876 75	7	239,349 99
			3 347 91	13,256 73	64,644 06	13	77,930 79
1,236 34	1,681 08		61,825 08	99,231 20	186,000 16	4	283,231 38
185 25	114 15		16,174 65	23,994 54	19,002 64	3	43,007 18
			66,649 86	81,851 36			81,851 36
	2,547 95		354,132 80	433,636 25	181,960 00		615,596 25
2,231 35	51,946 98					34	2,085,067 61
964 21	486 28		136,606 44	169,909 66	37,055 05	6	206,964 71
	1,635 00		551,916 00	581,673 00			581,673 00
3,430 42	2,071 16	6,010 58		93,033 72	304,045 84	6	397,079 56
22,400 10	15,162 65		808,262 15	1,071,068 85	1,308,628 06	3	2,379,697 81
5,801 00	2,625 00		22,523 00	95,323 00	330,000 00		425,323 00
5,208 00	(4,981 00 included)		74,612 00	147,451 00	385,853 00	3	533,304 00
3,173 00			2,836 00	52,513 79	146 030 75	5	198,544 54
1,072 14	1,086 34	716 18		53,759 85	131,500 93		185,260 78
			(160,411 53 included)		(included)		180,715 68
938 06			50,924 51	72,412 29	63,688 22	5	136 100 51
224 64	927 30		17,043 19	34,996 70			34,996 70
	6,186 00		274 845 00	327 683 00	285,000 00		612,683 00
918 42	490 77		91,356 95	110,836 51	85,343 98	2	196,180 49
6,036 11	(7,999 51 included)			96,044 95		11	96,044 95
1,291 98	(993 42 included)		6,000 00	51,409 36	167,408 80	2	218,818 16
	239 20		2,645 04	5,280 29			5,280 29
							4,915 00
				3,525 84	41,716 10		45,241 94
							72 254 71
10 00				41,690 52	54,444 64		96,135 16
			40 35	601 94			601 94
				2,281 05	33,330 44	4	35,611 49
							38,542 00
				934 74	10,000 00		10,934 74
\$129,604 05	\$142,265 62	\$53,835 67	\$4,116,493 00	\$8,725,082 20	\$11,025,418 78	229	\$21,535,506 58

APPENDIX I. — 3.

SUMMARIES, AND COMPARATIVE VIEWS OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF STATISTICS OF CHURCH PROGRESS.

1838.

Number of Dioceses.....	25
Clergy in 25 Dioceses.....	951
Baptisms, { Adults, in 12 Dioceses..... 2,522 } { Infants, in 12 Dioceses..... 14,964 } { Not specified, in 2 Dioceses, 1,272 }	18,758
Communicants in 23 Dioceses.....	45,930
Marriages in 13 Dioceses.....	5,719
Burials in 13 Dioceses.....	10,588
Sunday-School Teachers in 9 Dioceses.....	4,367
Sunday-School Pupils in 13 Dioceses.....	39,443

1841.

Number of Dioceses.....	27
Clergy in 25 Dioceses.....	1,052
Baptisms, { Adults, in 14 Dioceses..... 4,729 } { Infants, in 14 Dioceses..... 22,496 } { Not specified, in 9 Dioceses, 7,240 }	34,465
Communicants in 25 Dioceses.....	55,427
Marriages in 17 Dioceses.....	8,604
Burials in 14 Dioceses.....	14,961
Sunday-School Teachers in 10 Dioceses.....	3,974
Sunday-School Pupils in 11 Dioceses.....	32,265

1844.

Number of Dioceses....	27
Clergy in 24 Dioceses.....	1,096
Baptisms, { Adults, in 19 Dioceses.... 7,807 } { Infants, in 19 Dioceses.... 30,254 } { Not specified, in 3 Dioceses, 1,058 }	39,119
Communicants in 26 Dioceses.....	72,099
Marriages in 17 Dioceses.....	8,036
Burials in 17 Dioceses.....	14,330
Sunday-School Teachers in 13 Dioceses.....	5,037
Sunday-School Pupils in 14 Dioceses.....	40,012

1847.

Number of Dioceses.....	28
Clergy in 28 Dioceses.....	1,404
Baptisms, { Adults in 21 Dioceses..... 4,408 } { Infants in 21 Dioceses.....23,551 } { Not specified in 7 Dioceses, 5,815 }	33,774
Communicants in 27 Dioceses.....	67,550
Marriages in 19 Dioceses.....	6,826
Burials in 19 Dioceses.....	12,814
Sunday-School Teachers in 16 Dioceses.....	5,279
Sunday-School Pupils in 18 Dioceses.....	39,437

1850.

Number of Dioceses.....	29
Clergy in 29 Dioceses.....	1,558
Baptisms, { Adults in 24 Dioceses..... 5,957 } { Infants in 24 Dioceses.....33,072 } { Not specified in 4 Dioceses, 3,896 }	42,925
Communicants in 28 Dioceses.....	79,987
Marriages in 20 Dioceses.....	3,420
Burials in 20 Dioceses.....	16,233
Sunday-School Teachers in 17 Dioceses.....	4,520
Sunday-School Pupils in 19 Dioceses.....	38,603

1853.

Number of Dioceses.....	30
Clergy in 30 Dioceses.....	1,651
Baptisms, { Infants in 24 Dioceses.....39,565 } { Adults in 24 Dioceses..... 6,531 } { Not specified in 4 Dioceses, 2,061 }	48,157
Communicants in 30 Dioceses.....	105,136
Marriages in 24 Dioceses.....	12,974
Burials in 24 Dioceses.....	23,558
Sunday-School Teachers in 18 Dioceses.....	5,531
Sunday-School Scholars in 22 Dioceses.....	62,376
Churches in 7 Dioceses.....	454
Parishes and Congregations in 22 Dioceses.....	1,150
Rectories in 5 Dioceses.....	84

1856.

Number of Dioceses.....	31
Clergy in 31 Dioceses.....	1,828
Baptisms, { Infants in 26 Dioceses.....56,132 } { Adults in 26 Dioceses..... 9,542 } { Not specified in 4 Dioceses, 4,853 }	70,527
Communicants in 31 Dioceses.....	119,540
Marriages in 30 Dioceses.....	21,334
Burials in 30 Dioceses.....	36,925
Sunday-School Teachers in 20 Dioceses.....	9,235
Sunday-School Scholars in 25 Dioceses.....	82,014
Churches in 6 Dioceses.....	335
Parishes in 29 Dioceses.....	1,825
Rectories in 7 Dioceses.....	109

1859.

Number of Dioceses.....	33
Clergy in 33 Dioceses.....	2,065
Baptisms, { Infants in 33 Dioceses .....74,553 }	89,282
Adults in 33 Dioceses.....14,729 }	
Communicants in 33 Dioceses.....	139,611
Marriages in 32 Dioceses.....	21,225
Burials in 32 Dioceses.....	37,021
Sunday-School Teachers in 27 Dioceses.....	14,019
Sunday-School Scholars in 31 Dioceses.....	113,912
Churches in 27 Dioceses.....	1,395
Parishes in 33 Dioceses.....	2,120
Rectories in 19 Dioceses.....	254

1862.

Number of Dioceses.....	33
Clergy in 33 Dioceses.....	2,286
Baptisms, { Infants in 23 Dioceses .....60,449 }	71,533
Adults in 23 Dioceses.....11,084 }	
Communicants in 23 Dioceses.....	124,340
Marriages in 22 Dioceses.....	17,028
Burials in 22 Dioceses.....	33,095
Sunday-School Teachers in 22 Dioceses.....	3,897
Sunday-School Scholars in 22 Dioceses.....	123,011
Churches in 17 Dioceses.....	1,144
Parishes in 22 Dioceses.....	1,728
Rectories in 17 Dioceses.....	267

1865.

Number of Dioceses.....	33
Clergy in 33 Dioceses.....	2,450
Baptisms, { Infants in 24 Dioceses .....66,954 }	80,621
Adults in 24 Dioceses .....13,153 }	
Not specified in 1 Diocese .. 514 }	
Communicants in 24 Dioceses.....	148,063
Marriages in 24 Dioceses.....	20,836
Burials in 24 Dioceses.....	45,836
Sunday-School Teachers in 18 Dioceses.....	14,728
Sunday-School Scholars in 19 Dioceses.....	132,588
Churches in 17 Dioceses.....	1,230
Parishes in 20 Dioceses.....	1,687
Rectories in 8 Dioceses.....	201
Contributions in 21 Dioceses.....	\$6,471,669 20

1868.

Number of Dioceses.....	35
Number of Bishops and Clergy.....	2,662
Lay Readers in 20 Dioceses.....	268
Candidates for Holy Orders in 31 Dioceses.....	349
Deacons Ordained in 31 Dioceses.....	312
Presbyters Ordained in 33 Dioceses.....	281
Number of Parishes in 32 Dioceses.....	2,299
Number of Churches and Chapels in 27 Dioceses.....	1,857

Number of Rectories in 22 Dioceses	463
Baptisms, { Infants in 31 Dioceses ....77,869 } { Adults in 31 Dioceses.....18,394 } { Not specified in 4 Dioceses, 3,457 }	99,720
Confirmations in 33 Dioceses	59,940
Marriages in 34 Dioceses	30,200
Burials in 34 Dioceses.....	48,542
Communicants added in 22 Dioceses.....	53,049
Communicants in 34 Dioceses.....	195,183
Sunday-School Teachers in 29 Dioceses.....	21,478
Sunday-School Scholars in 33 Dioceses.....	188,132
Parish Schools in 21 Dioceses.....	183
Academic Institutions in 25 Dioceses.....	83
Collegiate Institutions in 16 Dioceses.....	18
Theological Institutions in 14 Dioceses.....	15
Amount of contributions in 35 Dioceses.....	\$11,291,655 00
Parishes not reporting to Convention in 11 Dioceses	315

1871.

Number of Dioceses.....	40
Number of Bishops and Clergy	2,876
Number of Lay Readers in 28 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions	536
Candidates for Holy Orders in 39 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions	462
Deacons Ordained in 40 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction..	378
Deacons in 40 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	231
Priests Ordained in 39 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions ..	301
Priests in 40 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions	2,566
Parishes in 40 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	2,767
Missions in 28 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	626
Churches Consecrated in 36 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions	241
Churches and Chapels in 40 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdictions	2,845
Rectories in 34 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	731
Baptisms: —	
Infants in 39 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions	92,274
Adults in the same.....	22,476
Not specified in 14 Dioceses	2,357
Total Number Baptisms in 40 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	117,269
Confirmations in 40 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	70,396
Marriages in 40 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	30,867
Burials in the same.....	50,843
Communicants added in 33 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions	75,126
Communicants Lost by Death or Removal in 30 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction	34,496
Communicants in 40 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions ...	236,929
Sunday-School Teachers in 36 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	25,851
Sunday-School Scholars in 39 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	233,565
Parish Schools in 26 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions ...	210
Academic Institutions in 30 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	132
Collegiate Institutions in 14 Dioceses.....	15

Theological Schools in 13 Dioceses.....	13
Asylums for Orphans in 17 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction,	30
Church Hospitals in 13 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions..	17
Church Homes for the Aged and Infirm in 17 Dioceses.....	22
Offerings for Diocesan Missions in 34 Dioceses.....	\$417,156 39
Total Offerings for Religious Purposes in 38 Dioceses and 7 Mis- sionary Jurisdictions	\$16,384,112 45

1874.

Number of Dioceses.....	41
Number of Missionary Jurisdictions.....	8
Number of Bishops and Clergy.....	3,086
Lay Readers in 24 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions	598
Candidates for Holy Orders in 37 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Juris- dictions.....	333
Deacons Ordained in 38 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions.	410
Deacons in 38 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions	278
Priests Ordained in 38 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions ..	310
Priests in 38 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	2,530
Parishes in 38 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions	2,741
Missions in 32 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	918
Churches Consecrated in 37 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdic- tions	204
Churches and Chapels in 34 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdic- tions	2,620
Rectories in 33 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	763
Families in 22 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	76,080
Number of Souls in 16 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction ...	241,393
Baptisms:—	
Infants in 39 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions. 95,164	
Adults in same.....	22,120
Total Baptisms.....	122,640
Confirmations in 40 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions....	73,270
Marriages in 40 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	33,052
Burials in 39 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	59,738
Communicants added in 23 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdic- tions	42,331
Communicants died in 18 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions	4,423
Communicants in 40 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdictions....	282,359
Sunday-School Teachers in 38 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Juris- dictions	32,920
Sunday-School Scholars in 40 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdic- tions.....	301,587
Parish-School Teachers in 23 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdic- tions	2,500
Parish-School Scholars in 24 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdic- tions.....	36,943
Church Hospitals in 17 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdictions..	34
Church-Orphan Asylums in 20 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Juris- diction.....	33
Church Homes in 17 Dioceses	25
Academic Institutions in 27 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdic- tions.....	48
Collegiate Institutions in 16 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdic- dictions.....	19
Theological Institutions in 15 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdic- tions.....	17
Other Institutions in 12 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.	66

Communion Alms in 31 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction	\$536,317 93
Episcopal Fund, Total Income in 35 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	442,136 20
Diocesan Expenditures, Convention, etc., in 36 Dioceses.....	199,564 21
Offerings for Diocesan Missions in 35 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction	456,417 25
Offerings for Domestic Missions in 34 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	496,527 10
Offerings for Home Missions for Colored People in 21 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	34,494 62
Offerings for Indian Missions in 16 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	64,472 23
Offerings for Foreign Missions in 32 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	231,701 76
Offerings for Education of the Ministry in 30 Dioceses.....	170,031 00
Offerings for Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund in 24 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction	125,522 02
Offerings for Widows and Orphans of Clergy in 7 Dioceses....	35,398 33
Offerings for Other and Miscellaneous Charities in 19 Dioceses	830,316 93
Total of Charitable Offerings and Income in 39 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	11,622,836 77
Total of Salaries and Parochial Expenses in 25 Dioceses.....	6,400,167 88
Number of Parishes not reporting in 18 Dioceses.....	303
Total Offerings for Religious Purposes in 39 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	17,964,024 65

1877.

Number of Dioceses.....	45
Number of Missionary Jurisdictions.....	13
Lay Readers in 33 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions...	786
Candidates for Holy Orders in 42 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	376
Deacons Ordained in 42 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions	363
Deacons in 41 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions	262
Priests Ordained in 42 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions	348
Priests in 43 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	2,762
Bishops and Clergy in 43 Dioceses and 9 Missionary Jurisdictions	3,082
Parishes in 39 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	2,401
Missions in 36 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	959
Churches Consecrated in 38 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	200
Churches and Chapels in 39 Dioceses and 9 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	3,053
Rectories in 38 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	832
Families in 24 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	80,734
Number of Souls in 16 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdictions	242,150
Baptisms, { Infants in 41 Dioceses and 9 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	101,847
{ Adults in the same.....	25,302
{ Not Specified.....	2,608
Confirmations in 43 Dioceses and 9 Missionary Jurisdictions	77,638
Marriages in 42 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdictions	29,351

Burials in 42 Dioceses and 8 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	61,200
Communicants added in 29 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	33,299
Communicants died in 21 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	5,461
Communicants in 43 Dioceses and 9 Missionary Jurisdictions..	297,387
Sunday-School Teachers in 42 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	30,323
Sunday-School Scholars in 43 Dioceses and 7 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	250,984
Parish-School Teachers in 22 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	817
Parish-School Scholars in 20 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	10,647
Church Hospitals in 20 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	27
Church Orphan Asylums in 20 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	30
Church Homes in 21 Dioceses.....	34
Academic Institutions in 26 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	81
Collegiate Institutions in 12 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	14
Theological Institutions in 15 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	16
Other Institutions in 13 Dioceses.....	32
Communion Alms in 32 Dioceses and 3 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	\$551,892 87
Episcopal Fund, Total Income in 40 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	438,348 86
Diocesan Expenditures, Convention, etc., in 39 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	176,212 08
Offerings for Diocesan Missions in 40 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	500,766 40
Offerings for Domestic Missions in 37 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	461,606 17
Offerings for Home Missions for Colored People in 27 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	35,280 77
Offerings for Indian Missions in 24 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	74,374 80
Offerings for Foreign Missions in 38 Dioceses and 5 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	231,303 30
Offerings for Education for the Ministry in 30 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	129,604 05
Offerings for Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (including, in 7 Dioceses, the offerings for Widows and Orphans of Clergy) in 30 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction...	142,265 62
Offerings for Widows and Orphans of Clergy in 7 Dioceses....	53,835 67
Offerings for Other and Miscellaneous Charities in 33 Dioceses and 2 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	4,116,493 00
Total of Charitable Offerings and Income (including, in three Dioceses, the amount of Salaries and Parochial Expenses) in 40 Dioceses and 6 Missionary Jurisdictions..	8,725,082 20
Total of Salaries and Parochial Expenses in 31 Dioceses and 4 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	11,025,418 78
Parishes not reporting in 28 Dioceses and 1 Missionary Jurisdiction.....	229
Total Offerings for Religious Purposes in 43 Dioceses and 9 Missionary Jurisdictions.....	21,535,506,58

APPENDIX II. — 1.

TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church :

The Trustees of the General Theological Seminary respectfully submit their Triennial Report, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

The facts, statistics, and information which are herein presented are mainly derived from the Annual Reports of the Standing Committee of the Seminary, the Dean, and the Treasurer, from other documents and papers incorporated in the published proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and from the annual Catalogues of the Institution.

For more minute and extended details of the subjects embraced in this Report, and for information upon other matters relating to the Seminary, the Trustees beg leave to refer to the printed documents herewith submitted.

In view of the fact that the last Triennial Report of the Seminary was unfortunately destroyed by fire, while the Journal of the General Convention was in course of publication, and could not be replaced, the Trustees feel justified in extending their retrospect in reference to some points beyond the three years last past, which would ordinarily limit their historical sketch of the affairs of the Institution.

I. — DEATHS.

Before entering upon the statistical and business details of this Report, the Trustees beg leave to linger for a moment in recalling the memory of the Professors and Officers of the Seminary, who have been removed by death since the autumn of 1871. A suitable tribute was paid to those who had then deceased in 1874; but this record perished in the flames, and it is now proper to renew the memorial, and to mention the name of another, who has since that date been added to the list of the departed.

The Rev. Francis Vinton, D.D., D.C.L., Professor of Ecclesiastical Polity and Law, was called to his rest on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, September 29, 1872. The Rev. Samuel Seabury, D.D., Professor of Biblical Learning, quickly followed, on the tenth day of the next month, and the Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, D.D., Emeritus Professor of Dogmatic Theology, deceased on the thirteenth day of the following August, 1873. Thus three Professors were removed by death within the space of less than eleven months. They were all eminent for their ability and for the zeal and devotion with which they laboured in the work of the Ministry of Christ. The Faculty of the General Theological Seminary, the Standing Committee, and the Board of Trustees, placed upon their respective Minutes appropriate tributes to the memory of these distinguished Clergymen. Memorial sermons, in grateful recognition of their varied and valuable services to the Church, were also prepared and preached at the time in the city of New York: of the Rev. Dr. Vinton, by the Rev. Dr. Dix, in Trinity Church; of the Rev. Dr. Seabury, by the Rev. Professor Samuel R. Johnson, D.D., in the Church of the Annunciation; and of the Rev. Dr. Johnson, by the Rev. Dr.

Seymour, in St. John's Chapel, before the ninetieth Convention of the Diocese of New York. These discourses were all subsequently published by request, and widely circulated. On the sixth day of July last, one who served the Seminary in a much humbler sphere, but loyally, faithfully, and well for nearly twenty years, passed peacefully from earth. In the death of Mr. Richard Hopper, Janitor of the Institution, the Seminary lost an officer whose place cannot easily be supplied. It may justly be said of him that, in reliance on divine help, he placed before himself as the object of his life to do his duty in that station to which it had pleased God to call him.

II. — GENERAL CONDITION.

As will appear from the subsequent detailed statement of this Report, the General Theological Seminary was never in a better condition than it is at the present time. The buildings have been renovated and improved, the staff of Professors has been increased, and all the Chairs, save one, for which no salary has as yet been provided, are filled; two efficient tutors have been added to the teaching body; the number of students has not diminished, notwithstanding the financial distress which has now for a long time prevailed; several special endowments have been made with a view to encourage scholarship and sound learning; plans are maturing in the hands of a committee for the creation of a Lectureship, which will command and suitably reward the best talent and culture which the Church can produce; the interior life of the Institution has been in singular and happy contrast with that of the religious world without; all has been peace and harmony, and, since the date of the last Triennial Report, nothing has occurred to disturb even in the slightest degree the quiet and good-will which ought to reign in a household composed of Presbyters and Candidates for Holy Orders. The only exception which must needs be made, in drawing this sketch of the prosperity and success which now smile upon the Seminary, is due to the long-continued prostration of business, which has existed throughout the length and breadth of the country. The lessees of the Institution have, in several instances, felt the pressure severely, and failed. The withdrawal of rent and the additional burden of taxes have caused a deficiency of income and an increased amount of current expenses, which will create a debt, unless, as the Trustees confidently expect, the alumni and friends of the General Theological Seminary come speedily to her relief, and for a few years contribute such sums annually as will replenish the treasury, and secure the Institution against any future embarrassment. It is worth while to draw attention to the fact that this appeal for help is not rendered necessary by any fault in the management of the real estate or finances of the Seminary, nor is it due to any extravagance in the expenditure of money. The Trustees could not secure, they are well persuaded, at any cost, the administration of their property by abler and more competent hands than those which now care for it as a labour of love. The call for assistance is owing simply to causes which cripple the resources of wellnigh every one, and are felt, at least, by all. The detailed statement of the Treasurer, which follows, will confirm and make clear the account which has just been given of the nature and extent of the financial embarrassment which now weighs upon the Seminary, and will encourage all friends of sound theological learning to contribute generously to lift the burden of debt, and accumulate a fund which will greatly diminish, if not entirely remove, the probability of any like difficulty being soon experienced again.

III. — REAL ESTATE.

The depression in the business of the country that has existed since the last Triennial Report has affected very seriously the value of the real estate

of the Seminary and the income derived therefrom. Seven of the ten vacant lots which were reported in 1874 to have been leased have been abandoned in consequence of the bankruptcy of the tenants, and are now vacant, subject to taxes and assessments. The five lots which were held by Walter Jones under long leases, from which he has been ejected, have since been leased at short terms, and at reduced rates, the taxes and assessments to be paid by the Seminary. The tenants of seven lots, held under long leases, have petitioned to have their rents reduced, saying they were not able to pay. To prevent these lots from being abandoned, a reduction of twenty-five per cent, for two years, has been allowed, as there was not security on the lots by improvements, and the leases had been taken at high rates.

The platform of the Elevated Railroad still obstructs the front of the Seminary property on Ninth Avenue; but the officers of the road have given assurances that the occupancy is but temporary.

AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE.

	LOTS
Seminary Block and Buildings	64
Central Block, between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues	32
Wharf Block, between Eleventh Avenue and the river	25
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There are forty-three and one half lots leased for terms varying in date of expiration from 1878 to 1894. The annual rental, less interest on ■ mortgage, is \$11,930. In 1874 the rental was \$15,425.

IV. — FINANCES.

VALUE OF THE REAL ESTATE.

40 lots and buildings (Seminary Block), not valued.	
24 lots on Seminary Block, on Ninth and Tenth Avenues	\$120,000 00
22 lots on Central Block (19 leased) and house	160,000 00
25 lots on Wharf Block (all leased)	150,000 00
	<hr/> \$430,000 00

VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Bonds and Mortgages — S. Herring & Co.	\$75,000 00
“ “ R. Stuyvesant	15,000 00
“ “ R. Stuyvesant	8,000 00
“ “ T. Mead	10,750 00
“ “ Helmus M. Wells	3,000 00
“ “ Guaranteed by Equitable Trust Company	16,500 00
“ “ Jersey City Bond (Seymour Prize)	1,000 00
“ “ Bishop G. W. Doane, Endowment Fund	3,800 00
	<hr/> \$133,050 00
Library (not valued).	
Cash in Merchants' Bank on Seminary acc't.	696 00
Total personal property	<hr/> \$133,746 00
Total assets	<hr/> \$563,746 00

LIABILITIES.

Scholarships	\$65,324 11
Professorship of Ecclesiastical History	25,000 00
Charles and Elizabeth Ludlow Professorship Fund	26,772 42
Charles and Elizabeth Ludlow Memorial Fund	8,000 00
McVickar Prize Fund	1,000 00
Seymour Prize Fund	1,000 00
Alumni Professorship Fund (accumulating)	11,506 84
Library Fund	6,000 00
City of New York (to commute quit-rent)	3,154 28
Temporary Loans	3,000 00
Arrears of Taxes and Assessments on abandoned Leases	3,000 00
	<hr/> \$153,757 65
Surplus value of assets	<hr/> \$409,988 35

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1877-78.

City Taxes, Croton Water, quit-rent and arrears on abandoned lots . . .	\$5,000 00	
Assessments	500 00	
Insurance and Interest	720 00	
Salaries and Scholarships	15,000 00	
McVickar Prize	50 00	
Scymour Prize	140 00	
Printing	600 00	
Supplies and Repairs	3,500 00	
Agents' Commissions and Expenses	500 00	
Temporary loans to be paid	3,000 00	
		\$29,010 00

ESTIMATED INCOME.

Balance of cash in bank	\$696 00	
Rents (including interest on mortgage)	12,280 00	
Interest	9,047 50	
Donations	250 00	
		\$22,273 50
Deficiency		\$6,736 50

The loss of \$8,000 of the capital of the Institution, reported to the last Convention, has been partly restored by a legacy of \$5,000, received under the will of the late George Merritt. The loss which remained, which amounted to \$3,000, will be added to this year, by the deficiency of income above reported of \$6,736.50, making the loss of capital at the end of the current year \$9,736.50, unless the circular prepared and issued by the Dean should meet with a very liberal response. It is hoped that the friends of the Seminary will come to its aid, and not allow its capital, which is now too small to afford proper salaries to its Professors, to be so seriously diminished.

V.

The present amount of contributions from the several Dioceses is as follows:—

DIOCESSES.	Reported in 1874.	Added since.	Total to June, 1877.
Maine	\$71 25		\$71 25
New Hampshire	185 00		185 00
Vermont	79 15		79 15
Massachusetts	7,150 00		7,150 00
Rhode Island	258 00		258 00
Connecticut	1,099 68		1,099 68
New York	253,842 37	\$6,022 37	259,864 74
Western New York	9,174 08		9,174 08
Central New York	9,172 58		9,172 58
Long Island	25,464 82	497 96	25,962 78
Albany	257 74	52 63	310 37
New Jersey	7,670 89	3,647 14	11,318 03
Northern New Jersey			
Pennsylvania	63,644 63	15 00	63,659 63
Central Pennsylvania	20 00		20 00
Pittsburgh	110 00		110 00
Delaware	268 93	5 00	273 93
Maryland	7,992 88	10 00	8,002 88
Virginia	632 00		632 00
North Carolina	4,276 00		4,276 00
South Carolina	54,674 65		54,674 65
Georgia	180 47		180 47
Mississippi	500 00		500 00
Missouri	2 00		2 00
Ohio	938 27	58 00	996 27
Illinois	15 50	44 00	59 50
Michigan	106 57		106 57
Wisconsin	55 00		55 00
California	125 72		125 72
Minnesota		1 00	1 00

VI. SCHEDULE OF SCHOLARSHIPS, 1877.

	Name.	Date.	Right of Nomination rests with	Origin'l Am't.	Present Amount.	Annual Paym't.
1	Bishop White .	1821	Bishop and Council of Pennsylvania	\$2,500	\$3,515 65	\$167 41
2	Warren	1822	Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Troy .	2,500	2,893 60	144 68
3	North Carolina	1823	Bishop of North Carolina	3,000	3,150 00	157 48
4	Bishop Kemp .	1824	Bishop of Maryland	3,000	3,449 60	172 48
5	The Prot. Epis.			2,100	2,100 00	105 00
6	Soc. for prom-	1826	Prot. Episcopal Society for promot- ing Religion and Learning	2,100	2,100 00	105 00
7	mot'g relig'n			2,100	2,100 00	105 00
8	and learning.			2,000	2,100 00	105 00
9	Bishop Croes .	1827	Bishop of New Jersey	2,000	2,236 00	111 80
10	Bishop Hobart	1827	Bishop of Virginia	2,500	2,723 28	136 17
11	Thomason . . .	1833	Edward A. Newton	3,000	3,150 00	150 00
12	Wainwright . .	1835	Rector of Grace Church, N. Y. . . .	2,625	3,038 28	145 68
13	Rhinelander . .	1835	Rector of Ch. of the Ascension, N. Y.	2,000	2,425 50	115 50
14	St. George's Ch.	1837	Rector of St. George's Church, N. Y.	2,000	2,152 08	107 60
15	Williams	1844	James A. Williams, D.D.	2,500	2,620 80	131 24
16	G. W. Mancius	1847	Standing Committee of G. T. S. . . .	2,500	2,529 60	126 48
17	Zion Church . .	1850	Rector of Zion Church, N. Y. . . .	2,500	2,7 2 76	131 56
18	Mary Welsh . .	1850	Rector of Zion Church, N. Y. . . .	2,500	2,762 76	131 56
19	Blackwell . . .	1853	Bishop of Pennsylvania	2,500	3,000 00	150 00
20	Sands	1861	Heirs of A. B. Sands	2,000	2,049 60	102 00
21	Francis Vinton	1862	Bishop of New York	2,000	2,209 60	110 48
22	Pierrepont . . .	1864	W. C. Pierrepont and Bp. Cen. N. Y.	2,000	2,835 00	135 00
23	Delancey	1864	Bishop of Western New York	2,000	3 620 00	181 10
24	Bish. G W Doane	1877	Rt. Rev. the Rector of St. Mary's Hall	3,800	3,800 00	266 00
				\$57,725	\$65,324 11	\$3,294 70

The security for the endowment of the Bishop G. W. Doane Scholarship was presented in two bonds and mortgages, the property being situated in New Jersey.

The Talman Scholarship has been liberally endowed, but the endowment is not under the control of the Seminary.

§ vii, Chap. 9. During the vacancy of any scholarship a portion of the interest received thereon, at the rate of five per cent per annum, shall be applied to the increase of the endowment thereof, until the same shall amount to four thousand dollars; but after it shall have accumulated to that amount, the whole interest arising therefrom during vacancy shall be applied to the use of the Institution.

VII. — BUILDINGS.

The present Dean of the Seminary was authorized by the Trustees, at their annual meeting in 1873, to make the effort of raising money to defray the expense of carrying into execution a plan of improvement which he had suggested in his report as acting head of the Institution. During the years 1873 and 1874 he happily succeeded in securing, by subscription from the friends of the Institution, nearly six thousand dollars. With this sum, supplemented by an appropriation of a little over three thousand dollars from the treasury, the alterations were successfully completed and entirely paid for before the opening of the session in the autumn of 1874. The improvements which were thus effected were briefly these: The west wing of the west building above the basement floor was converted into a large, spacious, and admirably arranged library, which not only affords room for the present collection of over fifteen thousand volumes, but also leaves empty shelves for the reception of several thousands more. An abundance of light is furnished, — by day through the plentiful supply of windows, and by night by the convenient disposition of chandeliers and gas-burners.

The facilities for the consultation of books and taking notes are very great; and few buildings, which are constructed as libraries, exceed in completeness of appointment and convenience this, which was simply adapted for the purpose as an afterthought. Ample arrangements have also been made for the preservation and convenient disposition of the very valuable collection of pamphlets and papers. The whole library wing is comparatively fire-proof, since it is effectually separated from the main building by the dividing brick wall and iron doors. Underneath the library, on the basement floor, are two recitation-rooms, which by an ingenious contrivance can speedily be converted into one apartment equal in superficial extent to the old hall of the Seminary. Its utility in this respect has been practically tested, since the Board of Trustees at their annual gathering have already twice employed it for their place of meeting. The entire wing is heated by a furnace placed in the cellar, which has been strongly commended by the commissioners of the proper department as being remarkably well secured against the risk of communicating fire to the building. The old library on the first floor of the east building has been converted into a new and elegant chapel. Its solid capacity is one sixth greater than that of the room formerly used for the purpose. It has been fitted up after the manner of an English college chapel in the universities, with stalls for the Dean and Professors, and seats for the students, elegantly finished in chestnut. The ceiling and walls have been tastefully treated with colour, and the whole effect is to give a dignity to the services which was sadly wanting in the crowded, ill-lighted, and worse-ventilated apartment where Morning and Evening Prayer were in past days wont to be said. It is a source of congratulation to the Trustees that these extensive and costly alterations and improvements in the Seminary buildings were effected without incurring any debt. During the summer of 1876, with a view to render the sanitary condition as nearly perfect as possible, full fourteen hundred dollars were expended in the effort to improve the ventilation and drainage of the buildings. The almost unexampled good health of the students for a long series of years affords the best proof that could be desired that this object was already well secured in past time, and that if anything were needed in this direction it has now been supplied.

VIII. — REFECTORY.

The Seminary is indebted to the Professor of Ecclesiastical History for the establishment of a family table in the Institution. This he accomplished in the autumn of 1865. Previous to that date the students found board as best they could in private families in the neighbourhood. This plan was fraught with no little risk to inexperienced young men in the midst of a great city, and was the fruitful source of many evils. Besides, the social element, which is so largely promoted by the familiar and pleasant intercourse at meals, was thus in large measure lost as a power for good in the formation of character, and a bond of attachment to the *Alma Mater*. The refectory has proved a great success. Upwards of six hundred dollars were raised at the outset to fit up the dining-room and furnish the necessary equipment to make ready for so many guests. The expenditure during the academic year will average, for sixty boarders, about ten thousand dollars. Twelve years of trial enable the Trustees to say with confidence that the refectory is of very great benefit to the Seminary: it secures the student against exposure to many perils; it gives him, to some extent, the advantage of a home; it contributes largely to the preservation of his health, in supplying him with wholesome and nutritious food; and it is, withal, an arrangement calculated to secure the wisest and best economy in the expenditure of both time and money.

IX. — INSTRUCTION.

The staff of Professors, as contemplated by the scheme of study proposed by the statutes, is now full, except the Chair of Evidences. Since the date of the Triennial Report of 1871 the following changes have occurred: the Rev. Andrew Oliver, D.D., was chosen to fill the vacancy in the Professorship of Interpretation of Scripture, occasioned by the death of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Seabury, at the annual meeting of the Board in June, 1873; and at the same meeting the Rev. William J. Seabury, D.D., was elected Professor of Ecclesiastical Polity and Law, in place of the Rev. Dr. Francis Vinton, deceased. The resignation of the Rev. Dr. Forbes, as Dean of the General Theological Seminary, took effect on the first day of November, 1872, and the duties of the office devolved, by statutory provision, upon the Rev. Dr. Seymour, as senior resident professor, as acting Dean or Dean *ad interim*, until some one else should be chosen by the Trustees to succeed the Rev. Dr. Forbes in the office of Dean. This event did not take place until the annual meeting of the Trustees in June, 1875. The choice then fell upon the Rev. George F. Seymour, D.D., who accepted the office, and is now Dean of the General Theological Seminary. The statutes make provision for the appointment by the Standing Committee of a tutor or tutors to give instruction to such students as are found deficient, on entering, in Latin, Greek, and the English Bible. In accordance with the authority thus vested in them, the Standing Committee have selected two tutors to supplement the work of the professors in the studies above mentioned, the Rev. George W. Douglas, M.A., and the Rev. Edward H. Van Winkle, M.A., both graduates of the Seminary of the class of 1874. The calling in such additional help is rendered the more necessary in these days by the very conspicuous decline which seems to prevail in many colleges of the United States in the cultivation of classical studies, from the standard which was formerly regarded as the minimum required to secure a degree in arts.

X. — STUDENTS.

The number of students in attendance, the Dioceses represented, and the proportion of graduates of Colleges and non-graduates, as reported in the annual Catalogues of the Seminary since 1871 to the present time, are as follows:—

Year.	No. of Students.	Dioceses represented.	Graduates.	Non-Graduates.
In 1872	70	19	51	19
In 1873	73	25	55	18
In 1874	68	22	53	15
In 1875	71	18	52	19
In 1876	68	21	50	18

The account given of the students in the various Reports which are embodied in the Proceedings of the Board since 1872 is most gratifying. They are represented as young men who are, with scarcely an exception, fully alive to the demands of the noble vocation wherewith they are called, and endeavoring to qualify themselves to the best of their ability for the duties which await them in the Christian Ministry.

XI. — HONORARY DEGREES.

The power to confer honorary degrees in theology, which was granted to the Seminary by Act of Legislature of the State of New York, April 10, 1869, has been acted upon in accordance with the recommendation of a special committee to whom the whole subject was referred. The Board of Trustees have adopted a Statute, providing for the conferring the degrees of Bachelor and Doctor in Sacred Theology, prescribing the conditions on which the said degrees shall be given, appointing a Board of Examiners, and regulating all minor matters connected with the subject, including the designation of hoods corresponding to the respective degrees. For full information, the Standing Committee beg leave respectfully to refer to the proceedings at the annual meetings of the Board in 1875 and 1876.

XII. — ALTERATION OF STATUTES.

Important changes have been made in the Statutes of the Seminary since 1874. These relate to the readjustment of the academic year and the Commencement exercises. The fact that the General Theological Seminary, the great school of the Ministry in the American Church, carried on its work without the slightest reference to the Ember Seasons, the special times appointed by the Prayer Book for Ordination, was felt to be a grave mistake. The practical difficulty was to overcome certain objections, which seemed to have weight, against any plan which would make the opening and closing of the Seminary year coincide with the autumnal and the Trinity Ember days. The Standing Committee, however, took the matter in hand, and felicitously showed that the objections, which appeared so formidable, either vanished altogether under the logic of mathematics, or else were readily obviated by slight changes in the Statutes. Their luminous Report carried conviction to the minds of the Trustees; and the Statutes, by an almost unanimous vote, were so amended as to bring the academic year of the General Theological Seminary in harmony with the Sacred Year of the Church. The session now opens on the Wednesday next before the first autumnal Ember Day, and closes on the Thursday succeeding the Feast of the Ascension.

The Commencement exercises have been so arranged as to separate the two elements which enter into their composition, — the religious and the academic, — and place each by itself. Heretofore they have been blended, and the result has not been satisfactory. The religious exercises primarily and chiefly concern the students. They meet together, such of them as graduate, for the last time on earth; the occasion is exceedingly solemn. It is much better on every account that they should be by themselves, away from a mixed congregation, secluded from the disturbing influences occasioned by the presence of strangers. Provision is therefore made by the Statute for the celebration of the religious services of the Commencement Day in the morning, in the chapel of the Seminary or some neighbouring church. The academic exercises of the Commencement, on the other hand, interest the relatives and friends of the students almost as much as they do the students themselves. It is desirable, therefore, that the Commencement proper should be celebrated at a time when the largest number can conveniently attend, and this is found to be in the evening. Moreover, it seems fitting that on such an occasion the voices of those who are about to graduate should, as far as is practicable, be heard. The Statute, in accordance with these views, directs that the Commencement shall take place in some central church, beginning at eight o'clock, P. M., and that the exercises shall consist of a short religious service, with suitable anthems and hymns, the delivery of two or three original essays in Eng-

lish by students of the graduating class, followed by the delivery of the Testimonials, and the conferring of degrees. A prominent feature in the Commencement exercises hitherto has been the address, sermon, or charge of the Bishop presiding. The Statute as amended contemplates rendering the presence and words of the Bishop even still more prominent, by prescribing that such discourse shall be delivered in some central church on the Sunday night preceding the annual Commencement.

XIII. — ENDOWMENTS.

The Trustees are happy to be able to report that the Seminary has been the recipient of three liberal endowments since the last General Convention. The Talman Scholarship was founded, by his daughter, in memory of the late John H. Talman. The endowment consists of eight thousand five hundred dollars, the interest to be appropriated to the support of a student of the Seminary, who must render such service as he is able in the Church of the Beloved Disciple, New York. A room in the Seminary was also elegantly fitted up and furnished by the generous donor for the use of the Talman scholar. The Bishop George Washington Doane Scholarship, amounting to three thousand eight hundred dollars, has been endowed by the graduates of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, in grateful memory of the eminent Bishop of New Jersey. An unknown benefactor gave one thousand dollars to endow a prize for the encouragement of extempore speaking ; and, in honour of the Professor of Ecclesiastical History, he called it "The Seymour Prize." The contest is arranged to take place every second year between matriculated members of the Senior and Middle classes, and the prize is a gold watch of the best American manufacture, with the inscription engraved on the inside, "Instant in season, out of season," the name of the prize, the year in which it was gained, and the full name of the person to whom it is awarded.

XIV. — CHANGE OF LOCATION.

The project of removing the Seminary to Mamaroneck, Westchester County, was finally abandoned by the Trustees at their annual meeting in June, 1872, and during the ensuing year the Standing Committee effected the reconveyance of the property to the representatives of the original donor. The great improvements which have been made in the Seminary Buildings, and their present excellent condition, furnish cogent practical reasons for regarding the question of the removal of the institution as settled for some time to come, in favour of its being suffered to remain where it now is, in the city of New York.

XV. — CONCLUSION.

In view of this retrospect of the history of the General Theological Seminary for the past six years, the Trustees feel that they have abundant cause for gratitude to God, and for congratulation to the Church. These years have been fruitful in disaster and distress. The financial pressure which is felt everywhere has reached at length, it is true, the resources of the Seminary, and curtailed its income ; but this, their only cause for anxiety, the Trustees feel assured will be promptly removed by the affectionate interest of the Alumni, and the generous devotion of the clerical and lay friends of the Institution throughout the land. All else is well ; the buildings are in excellent condition ; the average number of students is fully maintained, notwithstanding the many local theological schools which have been organized ; the good report of these young men in character and

scholarship is an honour to the Church; the course of instruction, in the hands of six professors and two tutors, is at once thorough and comprehensive; the administration of the government of the General Theological Seminary recognizes the fact that it belongs to the entire Church, and is not exclusively the property of any one section, it is conservative in principle, generous in spirit, and catholic in sympathy; the endowments of the past few years of scholarships and prizes show that there has been an interest awakened in the cause of theological learning which gives promise of even better things in the way of liberal and much-needed gifts in the future. These facts and such as these justify the Trustees in commending the General Theological Seminary to the confidence and regard of the whole Church in this land, and of asking for it from all the Dioceses such co-operation and support as will assure that success for it in the future of which there is now so fair a promise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

WILLIAM G. FARRINGTON,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

APPENDIX II. — 2.

LIST OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

Chosen by the General Convention of 1877.

[The number affixed to each Diocese is the number of Trustees nominated by that Diocese to the General Convention.]

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, 4. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF ALBANY, 15. — The Rev. E. M. Pecke; the Rev. F. M. Cookson; the Rev. Edgar T. Chapman; the Rev. Joseph Carey; the Rev. Francis Harison, S.T.D.; the Rev. William B. Walker; the Rev. Robert Weeks; the Rev. Robert E. Terry; the Rev. George W. Dean, S.T.D.; Mr. Orlando Meads, LL.D.; Mr. J. H. Van Antwerp; Mr. J. Hobart Warren; Mr. J. Champlin Harison; Mr. Selden E. Marvin; Mr. James Forsyth.

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS, 1. — Rev. James A. Matthews.

DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, 17. — The Rev. Joseph M. Clarke, D.D.; the Rev. William T. Gibson, D.D.; the Rev. John Brainard, D.D.; the Rev. Robert N. Parke, D.D.; the Rev. Albert P. Smith, D.D.; the Rev. Walter Ayrault, D.D.; the Rev. S. H. Cox, D.D.; the Rev. E. M. Van Deusen, D.D.; the Rev. Amos B. Beach, D.D.; the Rev. John A. Staunton; Mr. George C. McWhorter; Mr. Josiah T. Miller; Mr. Joseph Benedict; Mr. Frederick W. Hubbard; Mr. Thomas Fatzinger; Mr. Charles A. Sherman; Mr. H. V. Bostwick.

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, 11. — The Rev. J. M. Peck; the Rev. D. Washburn; the Rev. C. J. Gilliat; the Rev. T. F. Caskey; the Rev. C. Whitehead; the Rev. P. B. Lightner; the Rev. E. S. Watson; the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, S.T.D.; the Rev. T. H. Cullen; Mr. J. W. Maynard; Mr. Peter Baldy.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT, 21. — The Rev. Charles G. Acly; the Rev. N. S. Richardson, D.D.; the Rev. Fletcher J. Hawley, D.D.; the Rev.

Eaton W. Maxey, D.D.; the Rev. William G. Spencer, D.D.; the Rev. Louis French; the Rev. Sylvester Clarke; the Rev. Edwin Harwood, D.D.; the Rev. William Tatlock; the Rev. B. M. Yarrington; the Rev. C. F. Knight; the Rev. E. E. Johnson; the Rev. S. F. Jarvis; Mr. S. H. Huntington; Mr. Walton Ferguson; Mr. W. S. Hanford; Mr. Charles E. Graves; Mr. C. A. Lindsley, M.D.; Mr. W. T. Minor; Mr. John H. Glover; Mr. Origen S. Seymour.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE, 3. — The Rev. T. Gardiner Littell; the Rev. Lewis W. Gibson; the Rev. William J. Frost, D.D.

DIOCESE OF EASTON, 4. — The Rev. E. F. Dashiell; the Rev. J. N. Wattson; the Rev. E. J. Stearns, D.D.; the Rev. James A. Mitchell.

DIOCESE OF FLORIDA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF GEORGIA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, 8. — The Rev. T. N. Benedict; the Rev. G. F. Cushman, D.D.; the Rev. J. H. Knowles; the Rev. Clinton Locke, D.D.; Mr. C. R. Larrabee; Mr. L. B. Otis; Mr. W. F. Whitehouse; Mr. A. H. Ewing.

DIOCESE OF INDIANA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF IOWA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF KENTUCKY, 2. — The Rev. Jacob S. Shipman, D.D.; the Rev. Mortimer M. Benton.

DIOCESE OF KANSAS, 1. — The Rev. Henry H. Loring.

DIOCESE OF FOND DU LAC, 2. — The Rev. Martin V. Averill; Mr. Edward P. Brockway.

DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND. — The Rev. Samuel M. Haskins, D.D.; the Rev. William H. Moore, D.D.; the Rev. Charles H. Hall, D.D.; the Rev. D. V. M. Johnson, D.D.; the Rev. J. Carpenter Smith, S.T.D.; the Rev. T. Stafford Drowne, D.D.; the Rev. Samuel Cox, D.D.; the Rev. Edmund D. Cooper; the Rev. John A. Paddock, D.D.; the Rev. William A. Snively, S.T.D.; the Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck, D.D.; the Rev. G. Williamson Smith; Mr. Henry E. Pierrepont; Hon. Murray Hoffman, LL.D.; Hon. John A. King; Mr. William Nicoll; Mr. Alexander V. Blake; Mr. William Mulligan.

DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA, 3. — The Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D.; the Rev. H. H. Waters; Mr. George S. Lacey.

DIOCESE OF MAINE, 3. — The Rev. Charles Wells Hayes; the Rev. Samuel Upjohn; Hon. James Bridge.

DIOCESE OF MARYLAND, 23. — The Rev. Samuel R. Gordon; the Rev. Cleland K. Nelson, D.D.; the Rev. Meyer Lewin, D.D.; the Rev. Richard C. Hall; the Rev. William F. Brand; the Rev. Arthur J. Rich, M.D.; the Rev. John Henry Chew; the Rev. George Leeds, D.D.; the Rev. Charles W. Rankin; the Rev. Harvey Stanley, D.D.; the Rev. John V. Lewis, D.D.; the Rev. George A. Leakin; the Rev. James Chipchase; the Rev. John S. B. Hodges, D.D.; the Rev. George K. Warner; the Rev. S. Chipman Thrall, D.D.; the Rev. John Y. Gholson; the Rev. John F. Hoff, D.D.; Mr. Frederick W. Brune; Mr. George W. Dobbin; Mr. Laurens Thomson; Mr. John S. Reese; Mr. Charles Abert.

DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS, 20. — The Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D.; the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D.; the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, D.D.; the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D.; the Rev. Charles L. Hutchins; the Rev. Samuel P. Parker, D.D.; the Rev. Alexander Burgess, D.D.; the Rev. Henry Burroughs, D.D.; The Rev. Leonard K. Storrs; the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, D.D.; the Rev. Leander C. Manchester; the Rev. Thomas F. Fales; the Rev. Robert B. Van Kleeck, D.D.; the Rev. Henry F. Allen; Mr. George C. Shattuck, M.D.; Hon. Robert C. Winthrop; Hon. John Bliss Stebbins; Hon. Samuel L. Crocker; Mr. William S. Gardner; Mr. John B. Blatchford.

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN, 6. — The Rev. William H. Watts; the Rev. Law-

rence S. Stevens; the Rev. Stephen W. Frisbie; the Rev. William N. Carpenter; Mr. Peter E. DeMill; Mr. Henry A. Hayden.

DIOCESE OF MINNESOTA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI, 1. — The Rev William K. Douglas, D.D.

DIOCESE OF NEBRASKA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY, 17. — The Rev. Alfred Stubbs, D.D.; the Rev. Stevens Parker, S.T.D.; the Rev. Elvin K. Smith; the Rev. Nathaniel Pettit; the Rev. George Morgan Hills, D.D.; the Rev. Alfred B. Baker; the Rev. Joseph F. Garrison, M.D.; the Rev. John Alden Spooner; the Rev. Benjamin Franklin, D.D.; the Rev. Erskine M. Rodman; the Rev. Charles M. Parkman; Mr. George C. Hance; Mr. Francis Many; Mr. John Hillhouse; Mr. Abraham Browning; Mr. George E. Sibley; Hon. J. Howard Pugh.

DIOCESE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, 9. — The Rev. James A. Williams, D.D.; the Rev. Robert N. Merritt; the Rev. R. M. Abercrombie, D.D.; the Rev. Joseph H. Smith; the Rev. William G. Farrington, D.D.; Mr. J. C. Garthwaite; Mr. William B. Mott; Mr. Charles H. Voorhis; Mr. Alfred Mills.

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK, 67. — The Rev. John Brown, D.D.; the Rev. Edward N. Mead, D.D.; the Rev. Joseph H. Price, D.D.; the Rev. William E. Eigenbrodt, D.D.; the Rev. A. Bloomer Hart; the Rev. Isaac H. Tuttle, D.D.; the Rev. Jesse A. Spencer, D.D.; the Rev. Joshua Weaver; the Rev. Alfred B. Beach, D.D.; the Rev. William F. Morgan, D.D.; the Rev. Theodore A. Eaton, D.D.; the Rev. Caleb Clapp; the Rev. Cornelius R. Duffie, D.D.; the Rev. Robert S. Howland, D.D.; the Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D.; the Rev. Frederick Ogilby, D.D.; the Rev. Thomas M. Peters, D.D.; the Rev. George H. Houghton, D.D.; the Rev. Frederick C. Ewer, D.D.; the Rev. Philander K. Cady, D.D.; the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D.; the Rev. George Jarvis Geer, D.D.; the Rev. Cornelius E. Swope, D.D.; the Rev. J. Breckinbridge Gibson, D.D.; the Rev. William W. Olssen, D.D.; the Rev. Sullivan H. Weston, D.D.; the Rev. George F. Seymour, D.D.; the Rev. Samuel Buel, D.D.; the Rev. Andrew Oliver, D.D.; the Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D.; the Rev. Randall C. Hall; the Rev. Christopher B. Wyatt, D.D.; the Rev. James Mulchahey, D.D.; the Rev. William D. Walker; the Rev. A. Zabriskie Gray; the Rev. William J. Seabury, D.D.; the Rev. John W. Galleher, D.D.; the Rev. William W. Montgomery; Mr. John W. Mitchell; Mr. Cyrus Curtiss; Mr. Elias Butler; Mr. Hamilton Fish, LL.D.; Mr. Anthony J. Bleecker; Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles; Mr. Homer Ramsdell; Mr. Henry Drisler, LL.D.; Mr. Stephen P. Nash; Mr. A. B. McDonald; Mr. John Buckley, Jr.; Mr. William Kemble; Mr. Frederick S. Winston; Mr. Edward F. DeLancey; Mr. George M. Miller; Mr. William A. Davies; Mr. Cambridge Livingston; Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman; Mr. William M. Kingsland; Mr. Lloyd W. Wells; Hon. John A. Dix; Mr. Thomas W. Ogden; Mr. George Montague; Mr. George W. Cass; Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.; Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry; Mr. John Carey, Jr.; Mr. Tracy R. Edson; Mr. Gustavus W. Faber.

DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA, 9. — The Rev. George B. Wetmore; the Rev. Alfred A. Watson, D.D.; the Rev. Jarvis Buxton, D.D.; the Rev. N. Collin Hughes; the Rev. Angelo A. Benton; Mr. A. J. DeRosset, M.D.; Mr. James G. Martin; Mr. Kemp P. Battle; Mr. Thomas B. Hill.

DIOCESE OF OHIO. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA, 8. — The Rev. J. W. Robins, D.D.; the Rev. William N. McVickar; the Rev. J. D. Newton; Mr. J. Vaughan Merrick; Mr. Orlando Crease; Mr. John Welsh; Mr. William W. Frazier, Jr.; Mr. Joseph B. Baker.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND, 4. — The Rev. W. D. U. Shearman; the Rev. Daniel Henshaw; the Rev. Charles W. Ward; the Rev. George J. Magill.

DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 16. — The Rev. J. R. Walker, D.D.; the Rev. P. J. Shand, D.D.; the Rev. W. H. Hanckel; the Rev. C. C. Pinckney, D.D.; the Rev. A. T. Porter, D.D.; the Rev. R. S. Trapier; the Rev. J. S. Elliott, D.D.; Mr. Thomas M. Hanckel; Mr. C. G. Memminger; Mr. H. D. Lesesne; Mr. J. J. Pringle Smith; Mr. A. C. Haskell; Mr. James M. Davis; Mr. Charles Sincler; Mr. John Witherspoon; Mr. William C. Courtney.

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE, 3. — The Rev. John A. Harrison, D.D.; the Rev. Augustin O. Stanley, M.D.; Mr. George R. Fairbanks.

DIOCESE OF TEXAS. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF VERMONT, 3. — The Rev. Daniel C. Roberts; the Rev. C. Ingles Chapin; Mr. Thomas H. Canfield.

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA. — (No certificate.)

DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK, 14. — The Rev. William Shelton, D.D.; the Rev. John V. Van Ingen, D.D.; the Rev. William O. Jarvis; the Rev. John M. Henderson; the Rev. Charles M. Nickerson; the Rev. Theodore M. Bishop, D.D.; the Rev. B. W. Stone, D.D.; the Rev. W. B. Edson; Mr. James M. Smith, LL.D.; Mr. S. G. Cornell; Mr. G. B. Worthington; Mr. W. M. White; Mr. Fletcher Williams; Mr. John N. Macomb, Jr.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, 4. — The Rev. Robert H. Paine; the Rev. J. Rice Taylor; the Rev. Gerrit E. Peters; the Hon. George Woodruff.

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN, 5. — The Rev. Azel D. Cole, D.D.; the Rev. William Adams, D.D.; the Rev. James DeKoven, D.D.; the Rev. William B. Ashley, D.D.; the Rev. Frederick W. Boyd, D.D.

APPENDIX II. — 3.

THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

AS AMENDED BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1877.

(Articles I, V, VI, and VII are unamended; Articles II and VIII have already been adopted by the Board of Trustees; Articles III and IV are yet to be acted upon by that Body.)

ARTICLE I. The Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America shall be permanently established in the State of New York. The Trustees of the said Seminary shall have power, from time to time, to establish one or more Branch Schools in the State of New York or elsewhere, to be under the superintendence and control of the said Trustees.

ARTICLE II. The management of the said Seminary shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, who shall have power to constitute Professorships, and to appoint the Professors, and to prescribe the course of Study in the

respective Schools, and to make Rules, and Regulations, and Statutes, for the government thereof; and generally, to take such measures as they may deem necessary to its prosperity. *Provided*, that such Rules and Regulations, and Courses of Study, and measures, be not repugnant to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and to the Course of Study for Candidates for Orders, which is, or may be, established by the House of Bishops. The Bishops who are Trustees shall, in their individual and collective capacity, be Visitors of the Seminary, and shall see that the Course of Instruction and Discipline be conducted agreeably to the foregoing provision. The Trustees shall make report to every General Convention of their Proceedings, and of the state of the Seminary.

ARTICLE III. The Board of Trustees shall be permanently constituted as follows: Every Bishop of the Church having jurisdiction in any Diocese or Missionary District shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Board, unless he shall communicate in writing to the Secretary of the Board his desire not to continue as such.

Every Diocese shall be entitled to one Trustee, and to one additional Trustee for every forty Clergymen belonging to the same.

Every Diocese shall also be entitled to one additional Trustee for every two thousand dollars of money in any way given or contributed in the same to the funds of the Seminary, until the sum amounts to ten thousand dollars; and to one additional Trustee for every ten thousand dollars of contributions and donations, as aforesaid, exceeding that sum. The Trustees shall have their domicile in the Diocese for which they are appointed. They shall be nominated by the Diocesan Conventions respectively to every stated General Convention, which may confirm or reject such nominations. The senior Bishop present shall preside at every meeting of the Board of Trustees; and whenever demanded by a majority of the Bishops present, or a majority of the Clerical and Lay Trustees present, the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops present, and a majority of the Clerical and Lay Trustees present, shall be necessary to any act of the Board. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum. The Trustees shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. In the interval between the stated meetings of the General Convention, the Board shall have power to supply all vacancies from the Dioceses respectively in which they may have occurred. Upon the removal of any Trustee from the Diocese for which he shall have been appointed, his office shall thenceforth be vacated, and the Board of Trustees shall have power to supply the vacancy, pursuant to the provisions of the third Article of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV. The Board of Trustees shall always meet in the Diocese where the Seminary is established, at such stated periods as they may determine; and special meetings may be called by the Bishop of the said Diocese, and shall be called by him at the requisition of a majority of the Bishops who are Trustees. And in the event of a disability of the Bishop of the said Diocese from any cause whatever, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate of the same, a special meeting may be called by a majority of the Bishops who are Trustees, they indicating one of their own number to give the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE V. The Professors of the General Theological Seminary heretofore established by the General Convention, and the Professors in the Theological Seminary in the Diocese of New York, shall be Professors in the General Theological Seminary hereby established in that Diocese.

The Board of Trustees shall have power to remove Professors and other officers; but no Professor shall be removed from office, except at a Special Meeting of the Board called to consider the same; nor unless notice of an intended motion for such removal, and of the grounds thereof, shall have

been given at a previous meeting of the Board. The nomination of Professors shall be made at one meeting of the Board of Trustees, and acted upon at a subsequent meeting, due notice being given of the object of said meeting to every member of the Board.

ARTICLE VI. The Funds and other property, and claims to Funds or property, of the General Theological Seminary, heretofore established by the General Convention, shall be vested in and transferred to the General Seminary hereby established, as soon as an Act of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Education Society in the State of New York shall vest in and transfer to the same Seminary all their Funds and other property and claims to Funds and other property; and all engagements and responsibilities entered into or assumed by either of the said Institutions for the purpose of their foundation, consistent with the other provisions of this Constitution, shall be considered as binding upon the General Seminary so established within the State of New York.

ARTICLE VII. This Constitution shall be unalterable, except by a concurrent vote of the Board of Trustees and the General Convention.

ARTICLE VIII. This Constitution, as altered by the concurrent vote of the General Convention of 1877 and of the Board of Trustees, shall take effect on the first day of May, 1879; and the first Trustees other than Bishops, under this amended Constitution, shall be chosen before that time by the Diocesan Conventions respectively, and a certificate of their election duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

APPENDIX III.—1.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES ON THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society respectfully report that the Triennial Report of the Board of Missions referred to them for consideration, and herewith appended, presents in statistical summary a very satisfactory exhibit of the comparative energy with which the different departments of our Mission work have been prosecuted during the past three years. In the following brief statements concerning the subdivisions of the broad field occupied by the operations of the Board of Missions, it will be seen that notwithstanding the inability to command as large resources as the exigencies of the work demanded, owing to the great business embarrassments of the period, yet there have been a very commendable activity and zealous sentiment characterizing the practical details of Missionary labour both at home and abroad.

There has, however, been developed during the last few years a strengthening desire to change the method of our Missionary administration, and give to it a much more energetic life. It has been thought desirable to separate the business and the evangelic aspects, and make our methods more compact and comprehensive, more economical and practical, more awakening and enthusiastic. To this end your committee have already submitted a measure for reorganization, which it is hoped may meet with favour with both Houses of the General Convention.

Meantime we commend the great cause to the prayers, the alms, and the activity of the Church at large, especially asking attention and invoking co-operation in the mite-giving system proposed in the Report of the Domestic Committee, which, with all the other Reports submitted to the Board of Missions at the present session, are herewith presented.

Your committee indulges the hope that, in the administration of our Missionary operations hereafter, a more rigid economy shall characterize them all, and an earnest effort be made in each department to reduce the percentage of expenditure to the lowest possible rate.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

THE FIELD. — The Church in her domestic work includes all the territory of the United States, and is at least *partially* cultivating it all, with the exception of Arizona and Alaska, where, as yet, we have no Missionary.

But even in the best cultivated part of this field, and where the Church has longest been established, much still remains to be done.

And if this be true of older Dioceses along the Atlantic seaboard, how much more is it true of the great Mississippi Valley, where there is little more than one clergyman to every forty thousand souls.

When your committee remember the wonderful development of this central part of our country, in material resources and population, during the last two decades, they are deeply impressed with the importance of occupying the ground as promptly as possible, so as not to be obliged hereafter to recover it by the slow process of siege.

And hence the crying need for more labourers and larger contributions.

THE LABOURERS.—No ingenuity can make three thousand ministers cover the ground which could not be wholly occupied by even ten times that number. While, therefore, every effort should be made to recruit as rapidly as possible the ranks of the ministry, in the mean time, if we would save from superstition, sectarianism, and infidelity the millions on whom the religion of Christ has now but little hold, we must enlist the thousands of devout and cultured laymen in our communion as catechists and lay readers, and make them fellow-labourers with the clergy, in building up the spiritual temple of our Common Master.

STATE OF THE FUNDS.—Since the last General Convention, the entire contributions for Domestic Missions, as reported by the Board, amounts to \$441,974.82, less by about \$8,000 than in the previous three years.

This slight falling off of receipts does not seem to your committee a discouraging omen. On the contrary, the results appear to them most hopeful.

For, without taking into consideration the unparalleled financial crisis, which we trust is now nearly ended, we must not forget that the enhanced value of the currency during this period practically renders the contributions during the past three years at least twenty-five per cent larger than during any former similar period in the history of this Church.

Surely, therefore, we have good reason to thank God, and take courage.

During the past trying year, no Missionary employed by the Board failed to receive his regular stipend. But while a review of the past is thus most encouraging, still this Church will not have reached the proper standard of her duty, until every parish and Mission station in the land makes an annual contribution, according to their several ability, for the Missionary work of the Church.

Not until all those who have the cure of souls feel it to be their duty to teach those committed to their care "to be ready to give and glad to distribute," and that thus they may "lay up for themselves a good foundation against the time to come," will this Church, whatever be her claims, be acknowledged by the millions of those without, as the spouse of Christ and the accredited instrumentality in this land of gathering into one fold, under one Shepherd, the many for whom Christ died, but who are now living without God in the world.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is gratifying to state that, notwithstanding the great financial depression of the three years last past, the foreign work has maintained its due proportion of interest on the part of the Church in its behalf, and reaped the benefits accordingly. The Secretary is enabled to report in the last annual statement that the preceding year has been "the most productive of any year since gold has been at a premium."

One peculiar feature of this Report which commends itself to the attention of the Church is the fact that about 2,500 children are under instruction in foreign fields, and that a large number have been confirmed. The legacies for the department have not been all that ought to have been expected, and regret is expressed that the attention of the liberal and wealthy should pass by this great work.

The Church should, and does hereby express her acknowledgment of the benefactions which have been made by the American Bible Society, the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, the Bishop White Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia, and the Woman's Auxiliary in its various branches.

ATHENS — The special feature of this Mission still continues under the original status; namely, "of teaching the members of Christ's Church

how they ought to live." The publications in this Mission have become one of its most effective agents in its work.

AFRICA. — The consecration of a Bishop for Africa created a new era in the work of this Mission, and great hopes are founded for large results in the name of Christ. The selection of a new centre of operations, which shall contribute to the health as well as efficiency of the several Missionaries, is doubtless a wise and thoughtful movement. In this field a number of postulants are studying, and six candidates are looking to Holy Orders.

CHINA. — It is to be greatly regretted that the necessary funds for the Missionary College should not by this time have been secured, and the hope is expressed that the plan approved recently by the committee shall result in the full amount required. Having received the gratifying information that the Bishop elect of China will shortly be consecrated to his holy office, we congratulate the Church on this important event. A large number of candidates are now awaiting confirmation, and some thirty or more postulants and candidates are looking to the Ministry.

DUANE HALL. — Formerly a boarding-school for boys, as a Theological Institute becomes a valuable acquisition to the work and success of this Mission.

JAPAN. — The great fire at Tokio in Japan has not, as your committee are glad to record, discouraged the faithful workers in the field. The Bishop and his valuable staff prosecute the work against appalling human disadvantages with remarkable skill and success.

HAITI. — Provided for by our Church. This Mission, under Bishop Holly, regularly communicates with the authorities of the Board, and continues to progress and develop under its judicious administration.

The death of Miss Baldwin, in Palestine, is to be noted as an important yet most sorrowful item of record. In consequence of the Russo-Turkish war, the school at Joppa does not report the same in number.

CONCLUSION. — The appointment of a committee by the Board of Missions at its present session to secure an amount necessary to relieve the foreign work of its remaining debts, as named, argues most favourably for its removal in a short time, and we invoke the earnest support of all members of the Church to this end. Our Foreign Missions, in all their interests, are commended to the sympathies, the prayers, and the liberal financial aid of the whole Church.

MISSIONS TO INDIANS.

The Missions of this Church to the red men in Minnesota and in Dakota Territory are increasingly prosperous and popular. The labours of Bishops Whipple and Hare, and of the band of devoted men and women in the field, have been blessed of God to the Indians and to those who have so freely contributed of time and money. From the earnest appeals for ministers and teachers made by Indians hitherto opposed to schools and churches, it is evident that this field is ripe to harvest. Fortunately the Indian Commission is entirely free from debt; but it needs still larger contributions to enable it to extend its Missionary operations to all the Indians that have been placed by the government under the special care of this Church.

The removal of the tribe of Ponca Indians from the Missionary Jurisdiction of the Niobrara to the Indian Territory has carried them beyond the limits assigned to Bishop Hare. The Ogalalla Indians under Red

Cloud, and the Upper Brulé Indians under Spotted Tail, are now moving to two points on the Missouri River, at one of which there is a chapel, which was built for the Poncas. It is hoped that some of them will make a permanent settlement at that place, although most of them have expressed a determination to settle on farms within the Missionary Jurisdiction of the Niobrara. These must be followed by the Church; and, fortunately, there is a large number of Indian catechists and candidates for Holy Orders who give the promise of becoming thoroughly effective Missionaries. The Rev. W. J. Cleveland, who has been ministering so successfully at the Spotted Tail Agency, will be able to form an Associate Mission at some central point after the Indians shall have settled on their farms.

The most sceptical persons have become thoroughly hopeful, by visiting the Missions on the Missouri River, beginning with those under the Rev. Henry Swift at the Cheyenne Agency, and the Rev. Henry Burt at the Lower Brulé Agency, and at Crow Creek, then passing down the river to the Indians on the Yankton Agency, where the Rev. Joseph F. Cook has been so successful as a Missionary, and ending the visitation at the Santee Agency, where the labours of the Rev. Samuel D. Hinman have been so abundantly blessed. These Indians all belong to the Sioux nation, and their progress in civilization, under the influence of Christian teachers, is so marked as to fill all unprejudiced observers with hopefulness.

Those who have visited the Chippewa Indians, on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, have also become satisfied that there is hope for the Indian, and that the services of our Church tend to produce reverence and Christian stability.

THE COLORED POPULATION.

With respect to the Mission work among the colored race, the committee can make no favourable report. There has been some increase in the number of churches and stations, which now amount to thirty-seven; an increase of colored ministers and candidates for orders, numbering fifteen of the former, and fourteen of the latter.

There are congregations in Washington, in Richmond, Charleston, Wilmington, and some other cities in the Southern States; and there are large schools in Raleigh, and in a few other towns, intended to educate the young in the faith of our Church, and to train candidates for the ministry. These congregations are chiefly, if not exclusively, of the better class of the colored population. They consist of those who have some education, some property, some social status. But of the four millions of blacks upon our soil, the mass is untouched by our Church. They are drifting farther away from our influence. They are tossed about by every fanatical wind of doctrine that sweeps over our shores. They incline to the religious teaching which ignores the ten commandments. In South Carolina alone, there were twenty-five hundred colored communicants before the civil war. The statistics do not show one half of this number among the communicants of this Church through all the United States.

What shall we do for these people more than we have done? How can we call out the zeal of the Church in their behalf? The commission for Home Missions have laboured diligently to awaken the interest of the Church, but with very limited success. The change just adopted, it is hoped, may prove more effectual. We trust that it may; but we are not sanguine of the result. Some more potent agency is required for this work. If the black race in some of the more populous States were made a Missionary Jurisdiction, if a Bishop were charged with the special care of this people, he might do for them what Bishop Hare has done for the Indians. There are eight hundred thousand blacks in Georgia and

South Carolina. The Bishops of those two Dioceses have both approved of the appointment of a Missionary, or suffragan Bishop, to work among this race. He could become a bond of union between our Church and this alienated people. They are a peculiar people. They need peculiar treatment. A Bishop specially sent to them may train their young men for the ministry, organize congregations, manifest the interest of our Church in their welfare, and awaken a higher interest in our people for these ignorant souls in the bosom of a Christian land. We should rejoice to see the experiment tried. It may prove a solution of this difficult problem, and, if successful, would enable us in another generation to restore these recovered sheep to the ordinary mode of pastoral and diocesan supervision.

HAITI. — Since the last meeting of the General Convention, the Rev. James T. Holly, D.D., has been consecrated Bishop of the Church in Haiti, and, under his wise and zealous administration, the Church in that island has been steadily gathering strength and gradually rooting itself more firmly among the native population. Although the progress of the work is slow, there is every reason to believe that it is effectual and abiding, and that the measure of success already reached is prophetic of a still greater success in the immediate future. The time is near at hand, we think, when the Haitien Church will itself be able to respond to the Macedonian cry, and prove, by its own propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, that the Missionary assistance vouchsafed to it was not a labour in vain.

By order of the Committee,

NOAH HUNT SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

D. H. GREER, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX III. — 2.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, WITH ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

The Board of Missions respectfully offers to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church its Fourteenth Triennial Report.

Since the last Triennial Report the Board has held two annual meetings, the former in the city of New York and the latter in the city of Philadelphia.

Its Forty-second Annual Meeting is now in Session in the city of Boston.

The accounts of the proceedings of the meetings of 1874, 1875, and 1876 (including the reports of the two committees, the two commissions, and the Woman's Auxiliary), and the reports of the two committees, the two commissions, and the Woman's Auxiliary for 1877, are herewith submitted, which, together with the summaries of the same committees and commissions, will put the Convention in possession of full and particular information upon the subject of the missionary operations conducted under its sanction and authority.

SAML. A. McCOSKRY, *Chairman.*

THEO. A. EATON, *Secretary of the Board.*

BOSTON, October 10, 1877.

TRIENNIAL STATEMENT.

DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

Receipts from October 1, 1874, to October 1, 1875	\$160,406 13
“ “ “ 1875, “ “ 1876	135,195 14
“ “ “ 1876, “ September 1, 1877	146,373 50
	<u>\$441,974 82</u>

In the previous three years \$450,386 20

Payments from October 1, 1874, to October 1, 1875	\$165,008 57
“ “ “ 1875, “ “ 1876	143,332 54
“ “ “ 1876, “ September 1, 1877	123,722 26
	<u>\$437,063 37</u>

In the previous three years \$450,159 69

No. of Stations.	No. of Missionaries.
1875 205	1875 243
1876 183	1876 205
1877 224	1877 210

FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

I. — FUNDS.

Receipts from October 1, 1874, to October 1, 1875	\$89,724 74
“ “ “ 1875, “ “ 1876	97,627 56
“ “ “ 1876, “ September 1, 1877	114,976 27
	<u>\$302,328 57</u>

In the previous three years \$324,843 27

Payments from October 1, 1874, to October 1, 1875	\$106,198 76
“ “ “ 1875, “ “ 1876	106,511 46
“ “ “ 1876, “ September 1, 1877	91,871 01
	<u>\$304,581 23</u>

In the previous three years \$341,074 73

II. — SUMMARY OF MISSIONS.

Present Status.

Principal Stations.	Ordained Missionaries.	Unordained Missionaries.	Candidates for Holy Orders.	Communicants.
Greece		13		
Africa	8	20	7	279*
China	8	41	16	200
Japan	6	14		32
Haiti	13†	18†	4	
Palestine		4		

* Many reports not received.

† Four of the Clergymen and the Lay Assistants are not paid by the Foreign Committee.

COMMISSION OF HOME MISSIONS TO COLORED PEOPLE.

Receipts, 1874-5	\$14,282 45	Expenditures, 1874-5	\$14,116 45
“ 1875-6	15,433 40	“ 1875-6	14,266 38
“ 1876-7	14,228 00	“ 1876-7	13,218 34
	<u>\$43,943 85</u>		<u>\$41,601 17</u>
Previous three years, \$44,418 20		Previous three years, \$43,327 31	
No. of Teachers to October, 1875	54	Approximate No. of pupils Oct. 1875,	3,000
“ “ “ 1876	57	“ “ “ 1876,	3,100
“ “ “ 1877	55	“ “ “ Sept. 1877,	2,500

INDIAN COMMISSION.

Receipts from October 1, 1874, to October 1, 1875	\$50,101 21
“ “ “ 1875, “ 1876	46,398 14
“ “ “ 1876, “ September 1, 1877	48,151 27
	<u>\$144,650 62</u>

In the previous two and three quarters years \$143,381 40

Payments from October 1, 1874, to October 1, 1875	\$56,689 94
“ “ “ 1875, “ 1876	44,464 06
“ “ “ 1876, “ September 1, 1877	40,920 08
	<u>\$142,074 08</u>

In the previous two and three quarters years \$142,784 44

Number of Missionaries, Teachers (Male and Female), Catechists (White and Native), in the Indian Field.

1875	50	1876	46	1877	52
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THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Auxiliary renders efficient aid in the work of all the departments of the Board, by means of parochial, city, county, and diocesan associations of ladies, formed for the purpose of raising money, preparing and forwarding boxes, and otherwise helping on the Missions of the Church.

The contributions in money through this channel have amounted in the last three years to \$76,495, and the additional gifts in clothing, bedding, hospital stores, books, etc., to no less than \$179,367 more, according to the following table:—

	1875.	1876.	1877.
DOMESTIC.			
Cash	\$4,533 47	\$2,362 48	\$2,695 75
Boxes	44,393 04	50,328 23	44,737 57
Total	\$48,926 51	\$52,690 71	\$47,433 32
INDIAN.			
Cash	\$13,756 71	\$15,874 00	\$14,980 19
Boxes	12,000 00	11,790 91	8,727 24
Total	\$25,756 71	\$27,664 91	\$23,707 43
FREEDMEN.			
Cash	\$163 42	\$901 55	\$1,313 64
Boxes	668 04	420 00	2,376 79
Total	\$831 46	\$1,321 55	\$3,690 43
FOREIGN.			
Cash	\$5,403 06	\$7,073 53	\$7,436 81
Boxes	1,050 14	1,819 10	1,055 62
Total	\$6,453 20	\$8,892 63	\$8,492 43
	\$81,967 88	\$90,569 80	\$83,323 61

APPENDIX III.—3.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS
ESTABLISHED IN 1820, AND SINCE AMENDED AT VARIOUS TIMES.

ARTICLE I. This institution shall be denominated The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

ARTICLE III. There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church, and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of this Church, Bishops and Deputies sitting apart as in General Convention, or together when they shall so decide. The Board of Missions thus constituted shall convene on the third day of the session of the General Convention, and shall sit from time to time as the business of the Board shall demand.

ARTICLE IV. There shall be a Board of Managers, comprising all the Bishops as members *ex officio*, and fifteen Presbyters and fifteen laymen,

to be appointed by the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, who shall have the management of the General Missions of this Church, and shall remain in office until their successors are chosen, and shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number. Eight Clerical members and eight Lay members shall constitute a quorum. This Board of Managers shall, during the recess of the Convention, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Board of Managers shall report to the General Convention, constituted as a Board of Missions, on or before the third day of the session of the General Convention. But nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any surviving life-members of the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE V. The Board of Managers is authorized to form from its own members, a Committee for Domestic Missions and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other committees as it may deem desirable to promote special Missionary work, and is also authorized to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Managers is intrusted with power to establish and regulate such Missions as are not placed under Episcopal supervision, and to enact all by-laws which it may deem necessary for its own government and for the government of its committees: *provided, always,* that in relation to organized dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions having Bishops, the appropriations shall be made in gross to such Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, to be disbursed by the local authorities thereof. The Board shall notify to the several Bishops the gross sums so appropriated; and those Bishops shall regulate the number of Mission Stations, appoint the Missionaries and assign to them their stipends, with the approval of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII. No person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not at the time a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of regular standing; but nothing in this section precludes the committees from making pecuniary appropriations in aid of Missions under the care of other Churches in communion with this Church, or of employing laymen or women, members of this Church, to do Missionary work.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers is authorized to promote the formation of auxiliary Missionary Associations, whose contributions, as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid in accordance with the wish of the donors, when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public Missionary meetings, to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all auxiliaries approved by the Board of Managers may send one Clerical and one Lay Delegate.

ARTICLE IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the General Convention of this Church.

APPENDIX III. — 4.

LIST OF MANAGERS
OF THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ALL THE BISHOPS OF THE CHURCH, *ex officio*.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. MORGAN DIX, D.D., of the Diocese of New York.
 The Rev. JOHN COTTON SMITH, D.D., of the Diocese of New York.
 The Rev. HENRY C. POTTER, D.D., of the Diocese of New York.
 The Rev. HEMAN DYER, D.D., of the Diocese of New York.
 The Rev. CHARLES H. HALL, D.D., of the Diocese of Long Island.
 The Rev. NOAH HUNT SCHENCK, D.D., of the Diocese of Long Island.
 The Rev. JOHN A. PADDOCK, D.D., of the Diocese of Long Island.
 The Rev. E. A. HOFFMAN, D.D., of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
 The Rev. W. N. MCVICKAR, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
 The Rev. GEORGE LEEDS, D.D., of the Diocese of Maryland.
 The Rev. J. LIVINGSTON REESE, D.D., of the Diocese of Albany.
 The Rev. J. HOUSTON ECCLESTON, D.D., of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey.
 The Rev. WM. R. HUNTINGTON, D.D., of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
 The Rev. E. E. BEARDSLEY, D.D., of the Diocese of Connecticut.
 The Rev. THOS. F. DAVIES, D.D., of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

LAY MEMBERS.

Mr. F. S. Winston, of the Diocese of New York.
 Mr. Cyrus Curtis, of the Diocese of New York.
 Mr. B. B. Sherman, of the Diocese of New York.
 Mr. Stewart Brown, of the Diocese of New York.
 Mr. J. C. Garthwaite, of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey.
 Mr. Geo. N. Titus, of the Diocese of New York.
 Mr. C. Vanderbilt, Jr., of the Diocese of New York.
 Mr. William Scott, of the Diocese of New York.
 Mr. Charles R. Marvin, of the Diocese of Long Island.
 Mr. Wm. G. Low, of the Diocese of Long Island.
 Mr. Benjamin Stark, of the Diocese of Connecticut.
 Mr. William Welsh, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
 Mr. Lemuel Coffin, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
 Mr. Thomas A. Tillinghast, of the Diocese of Albany.
 Mr. H. P. Baldwin, of the Diocese of Michigan.

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MISSIONARY BISHOPS' FUND.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE Trustees of the "Missionary Bishops' Fund" of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America respectfully report:—

That at the date of their last report to the General Convention, October 7, 1874, the balance in the hands of their Treasurer was \$298.81.

Since that date the following sums have been contributed to the fund, viz.:—

1875.

Feb'y	8.	By Wm. Sam'l Eliot, Boston (<i>a bequest</i>)..	\$1,000 00
July	1.	Interest on \$1,000 U. S. 6's of 1881, \$30 gold, sold at 116 $\frac{1}{8}$	35 08
Aug.	3.	Christ Church, Red Hook.....	7 37
		Christ Church, Alexandria, Va., for Bishop Wingfield.....	5 00
		Christ Church, Alexandria, Va., Bishop Williams.....	5 00
		Church of Reconciliation, Webster, Mass.....	5 00
	4.	St. James' Church, Murray, Penn.....	10 03
		St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, N. Y. ..	56 63
	5.	St. Thomas Church, Milford, Ohio.....	4 25
	9.	Christ Church, Jefferson, Texas.....	3 50
	11.	Grace Church, Lexington, Va.....	40 00
	12.	Holy Communion Church, St. Louis, Mo.	11 20
	14.	Trinity Church, Lewiston, Me.....	3 00
	19.	St. James' Church, Murray, Pa. (2d)....	3 00
		St. John's Church, Franklin, Pa., Bishop Spalding.....	10 50
Sept.	4.	St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield, Conn..	10 00
	17.	Trinity Church, Oxford, Pa.....	10 00
	21.	St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, Phila.	20 00
	27.	St. Luke's Church, Cleveland, Tenn.	3 20
Oct.	27.	St. Paul's Church, Holyoke, Mass.	5 00
	29.	"A. E." Church, Portsmouth, N. H....	1 00
Dec.	30.	St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, Md.....	30 61
	31.	Interest to date on balances @ 6%.....	16 82

1876.

Jan'y	7.	St. Ann's Church, Annapolis, Md. (2d).	30 00
	14.	Interest on \$1,000 U. S. 6%—\$30 gold @ 112 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 82
March	14.	Ascension Church, Claymont.....	2 00
July	1.	Interest on \$1,300 U. S. 6% stock—\$39 gold, @ 112 $\frac{1}{2}$	43 88

1877.

Jan'y	2.	Interest on \$1,400 U. S. 6% stock—\$48 gold, @ 107.....	44 94
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Amount carried forward.....\$1,460 83

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,460 83	
Jan'y	16.	By St. Thomas Church, New Windsor.....	25 00	
	17.	Rev. N. H. Berghaus, St. Paul, Doylestown, Pa. (personal)	10 00	
	18.	Gift of a lady, per Rev. J. K. Mason, Mount Jackson.....	2 00	
	23.	Trinity Church, Norwich.....	15 00	
	25.	Mrs. Samuel Reed, Portsmouth, O., "for Home Missions in the West"	5 00	
	26.	"A Well-Wisher," Springfield, Mass.....	5 00	
Feb'y	2.	"A Friend," Sewanee, Tenn.....	9 00	
	5.	Christ Church, Raleigh, N. C.	20 85	
	6.	F. Gilliat, Avon, N. Y.....	1 50	
	7.	St. Michael's Church, Boise City, Idaho.	9 45	
		Grace Church, Munroe, a communicant, per Rev. H. A. Dows.....	10 00	
	9.	St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Mass.....	24 86	
		St. Mary's School, Knoxville, Ill., for Japan—Bishop Williams.....	10 00	
		St. Mary's School, Knoxville, Ill., for Montana—Bishop Tuttle.....	10 00	
	13.	St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Md.	123 80	
	17.	Amherst Parish, Virginia	5 00	
		Christ Church, Red Hook	5 00	
	20.	Mrs. W. E. Holt, Graham, N. C.	10 00	
	24.	Christ Church, Indianapolis	5 00	
March	1.	St. Paul's Church, Philipsburg Centre, Penn.....	2 00	
	10.	Hungar Parish, Eastville, Va.	25 00	
		Grace Church, Windsor, Conn.	15 00	
	12.	St. Mary's Church, Harford, Md.	10 00	
	6.	Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn.	10 00	
	20.	Christ Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	5 00	
April	4.	St George's Church, Newburgh, N. Y. ..	5 00	
July	11.	Interest on \$1,600 U. S. Bonds—\$48 gold, sold at 105 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 58	
				\$2,178 68

1875. INVESTMENTS AND EXPENSES.

Feb'y	10.	\$1,000 United States 6% Registered Stock of 1881, bought @ 119 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$1,198 75	
Oct.	16.	Paid for printing, addressing, and postage of 2 500 circulars to Rectors.....	58 51	
1876.				
Jan'y	14.	\$300 United States 6% Registered Stock of 1881, bought @ 120 $\frac{1}{4}$	360 75	
1877.				
Jan'y	5.	\$100 United States 6% Registered Stock of 1881, bought @ 113 $\frac{1}{4}$	113 75	
	12.	Paid for printing, addressing, and postage on 3,000 circulars to Rectors, sent in December, 1876.....	65 55	
Feb'y	14.	\$200 United States 6% Registered Stock of 1881, bought @ 112 $\frac{1}{4}$	225 75	
Sept.	7.	\$100 United States 6% Registered Stock, of 1881, bought @ 110.....	110 00	
Oct.	5.	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer....	45 62	
				\$2,178 68

HENRY MEIGS, *Trustee and Treasurer*

NEW YORK, October 3, 1877.

At the Session of the General Convention in 1874, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Trustees of the Missionary Bishops' Fund are requested to issue a circular annually to the Rectors of all our Parishes, asking an offering for this fund.

In compliance with this request, your trustees in June, 1875, and again in December, 1876, sent to every Rector of a Parish in our Church a printed circular, appealing for a contribution to this fund. The circular for 1877 has been purposely deferred until after the present Convention.

By reference to the Report of the Treasurer, given above, it will be perceived that in response to 2,500 circulars sent in 1875, and of about 3,000 sent in 1876, there have been contributions from only thirty-eight parishes, amounting to \$612.75. The remainder of the funds reported by the Treasurer have been derived from individuals, and from \$267.93, interest on investments.

These facts prove conclusively the indifference existing in the Church as to the method proposed by the Canon for providing any permanent fund for the support of the Missionary Episcopate.

The General Convention has taken care that Bishops of organized Dioceses shall not be exposed to the uncertainties of voluntary gifts for their support, but insists that permanent provision shall be made for that purpose before permission is given for the erection of a new Diocese. Is it less important that those undertaking the unusual hardships of the Missionary field should have less protection in this respect, and be dependent upon the uncertain and spasmodic supplies derived from the voluntary system?

The Canon on this subject expresses the view of the Church, as represented in the General Convention at the time of its adoption. If the plan was wisely undertaken, it would be well to consider now whether any measure can be devised to promote its success, or whether some better can be substituted.

Your trustees find themselves unable to suggest any means by which the Canon can be made more fruitful, and they respectfully submit the consideration of the subject to the Convention.

Your trustees request that the account of the Treasurer be subjected to the examination provided by the Canon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILL. H. BATTLE, *Chairman pro tem.*,
HENRY MEIGS, *Treasurer and Trustee.*

Trustees.

BOSTON, MASS., October 5, 1877.

APPENDIX V.

SECOND TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN, AND OF INFIRM AND DISABLED CLERGYMEN, OCTOBER 3, 1877.

For the history and organization of this Board we beg leave to refer to our first Triennial Report, made to the General Convention of 1874, and printed as Appendix V to the Journal, page 518. In that Report is shown the manner in which the Board, which had for a number of years a merely nominal existence, became a reality and a living power for good. The action of the General Convention of 1871, providing for a royalty upon publications of the new Hymnal, and placing the proceeds of such royalty at our disposal, enabled us speedily to enter upon the execution of our trust, and to render assistance to the classes of necessitous persons, for whose relief it was instituted. In that Report particulars were given of a number of the cases assisted, without names, showing a degree of painful destitution hardly suspected, and rendering such assistance as we could offer most timely and acceptable. Such details we do not think it necessary to repeat, but we commend the facts stated in that Report to the attention of any persons who may not be convinced of the importance of this organization. Clergymen of impaired health there are, and are likely to be, as well as destitute widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, whose wants are not met by Diocesan assistance or only to a limited and partial extent. While the older and stronger Dioceses possess invested funds, or make adequate assessed contributions for this object, our new and feebler Dioceses must be dependent for many years, in this as in some other respects, upon external aid. Ought not the family of the Missionary, who throws himself into the hardships and toils of frontier work, and who sinks in the struggle, to be the care of the Church, in whose service he laboured and died? Or shall the worn-out labourer himself be abandoned to want or to uncertain charity? But, in many cases, this well-deserved relief cannot be promptly and effectively given without the agency of an accessible Central Board. We should not think of arguing so plain a point had not our own experience shown us how little this necessity and obligation are apprehended. Our resources hitherto have been derived almost exclusively from the Hymnal; receipts from other sources being comparatively small,—a very few Church collections, and two legacies. The channel is now opened through which the donations of the charitable can reach the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and can refresh the spirit of the infirm and disabled servant of Christ, as the spirit of Paul the aged was refreshed in his prison at Rome by the gift sent from his brethren at Philippi. The necessities and privations which our Board would alleviate are, to a large extent, endured by those who are sensitive and shrinking from notice, not importunate and obtrusive. Inquiry and investigation are needed to discover the grievous discomforts which often exist unheeded and unknown. How important that there should be a fund adequate to meet such cases, and to which application can be

made without any unpleasant exposure of destitution or sacrifice of feeling!

No urgent and deserving case brought to the notice of the Board has been declined, although the amount of aid that we could render, divided among so many, has been often meagre. If parishes would class this among other meritorious objects, and individuals of liberality and wealth, by donation or testament, cast something of their abundance into this treasury, we are confident that it would be a judicious and blessed exercise of benevolence. To what manner of kindly help would the Saviour's words better apply, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me"? In this connection we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of two legacies, one of one thousand dollars from a venerable clergyman, now at rest, the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D.D., and one from the late Samuel Elliot, Esq., of Boston, for five hundred dollars.

During the past three years relief has been extended to twenty-one aged or infirm clergymen, and to widows or children of fifty-nine deceased clergymen, in all eighty cases. The recipients of this bounty are found in thirty-one Dioceses. The widows and orphans represent each order of the Ministry, Missionaries, both foreign and domestic, rectors of city parishes, as well as pioneers. Some of the recent as well as earlier cases are of an affecting character. In 1876 we formed a list of regular annuitants, upon which are now placed the names of sixteen clergymen and of forty-four widows of families. Three clergymen and three widows, who were among our beneficiaries, have deceased since our last Report.

The funds at our disposal have been mainly derived from the royalty on the Hymnals, including income from permanent investments.

Of the revised Hymnal there have been printed 303,950 copies, yielding to our treasury \$9,317.86. Our former Triennial Report stated the number of copies printed, 321,851, royalty, \$12,650.86.

Total for six years: Copies, 625,801; royalty, \$21,968.72.

The first Triennial Report shows an excess above this Report of 17,901 copies and \$3,333 receipts.

Our total income for the last three years was:—

From Royalty	\$9,317 86	
“ Church Contributions.....	612 00	
“ Two Legacies	1,500 00	
“ Interest on Investments.....	2,560 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,989 86

PAYMENTS.

Special Appropriations.....	\$7,010 10	
Annuitants.....	5,950 00	
Investment in Jersey City Bond....	1,029 76	
	<hr/>	\$13,989 86

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SINCE COMMENCEMENT, APRIL, 1873.

Special Appropriations in 1873 and 1874.....	\$2,025 00	
Special Appropriations and Annuities, 1874 to 1877.....	12,960 10	
	<hr/>	\$14,985 10
Invested Fund.....	\$12,000 00	
Cash on hand.....	128 88	
	<hr/>	12,128 88
Total Receipts.....		<hr/> \$27,113 98

The House of Bishops at the recent General Convention held in this city adopted the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this House has heard, with great satisfaction, the Triennial Report of the Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, etc.; and, the House of Deputies concurring, it is recommended to the Trustees to ascertain, by correspondence or otherwise, how many disabled Clergy of this Church are now destitute, and what provision has been made for destitute widows and orphans, and to adopt such other measures as, in their judgment, are wise, to increase the fund, to accomplish more effectually the beneficent purposes for which they are organized, and to enliven the interest of the Church in the important subject committed to them."

This resolution was acquiesced in by the House of Deputies.

In accordance with this resolution the Board directed their Secretary to obtain, by correspondence with Bishops, Secretaries of Conventions, and others, such information as might furnish the materials for a report to the General Convention; but the answers received do not enable us to do this in a full and satisfactory manner. As to measures which may increase the Fund, and accomplish more effectually the object in view, we can suggest no better way than to spread before the Church the facts embraced in our Triennial Reports.

After the adjournment of the last General Convention, the revised Hymnal was carefully prepared, and its publication watched with much solicitude by the Committee of the Trustees, without incurring any expense, and, so far as we are aware, without a single error or departure from the instructions of the Convention. For this work, requiring much time and pains, and of such manifest importance, as well as for unwearied attention and most efficient services gratuitously rendered, the Board, as well as the Church, are indebted to the Secretary and Financial Agent, Lloyd W. Wells, Esq. For his willing and faithful labours, as for those of our Treasurer, Wm. Alex. Smith, Esq., we acknowledge deep obligations.

ALFRED LEE.
HENRY C. LAY.
HENRY C. POTTER.
MORGAN DIX.
S. P. NASH.
WM. ALEX. SMITH.

APPENDIX VI.

A TABLE OF LESSONS APPOINTED FOR LENT.

[To be used, at the discretion of the Minister, instead of the Lessons elsewhere appointed in the Calendar.]

	MORNING.		EVENING.	
	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.
Ash Wednesday	Lam.....3, v. 9	Luke .....4, to v. 21	Lam..... 4, to v. 21	Romans... ..7, v. 7
Thursday	Jonah .....1	Matt.....11, v. 11	Jonah .....2	.....1, to v. 26
Friday	Amos .....3	.....12, to v. 22	.....4	.....3, to v. 25
Saturday	Amos .....4, v. 10	Luke .....5, v. 18	.....5, to v. 23	.....4, v. 22
First Sunday in Lent.....	Daniel .....1	Matt.....13, to v. 24	Zachariah .....3	Revelation .....1
Monday	Zachariah .....1	.....13, v. 24 to v. 44	Malachi .....1	1 Timothy .....1
Tuesday	Ezekiel.....3, v. 10	.....12, v. 44	Ezekiel... ..33, to v. 20	.....2
Wednesday .....	.....8	.....16, to v. 13	.....9	.....3
Thursday .....	.....34, to v. 17	.....17, v. 14	.....34, v. 17	.....4
Friday .....	.....37, to v. 15	.....19, to v. 16	1 Kings... 13, to v. 27	.....5
Saturday	Exodus .....32	Luke.....11, to v. 14	Exodus... ..33, v. 12	Titus .....1
Second Sunday in Lent.....	Job .....1	Matt.....21, v. 28	(34, to v. 10)	Revelation 2, to v. 12
Monday .....	.....2	.....24, to v. 23	Genesis .....7	Romans .....5
Tuesday .....	.....3, to v. 13	.....24, v. 23	.....8	.....8, to v. 12
Wednesday .....	.....3, v. 13	Mark.....1, v. 21	.....9, v. 20	.....8, v. 14
Thursday .....	.....4	.....2, to v. 18	.....21, v. 9 to v. 22	.....9, v. 14 to v. 26
Friday .....	.....7	.....5, to v. 21	Exodus... 17, to v. 14	.....15, v. 14
Saturday .....	.....10	Matt.....14, v. 22	Levit... ..19, to v. 19	.....16
Third Sunday in Lent.....	1 Kings .....9, to v. 22	Mark.....5, v. 21	2 Kings .....1	Revelation...2, v. 12
Monday .....	.....9, v. 22	.....6, v. 45	Numbers... 6, v. 2	1 Cor. 4, v. 6 to v. 17
Tuesday .....	.....14	.....7, v. 14 to v. 31	.....13, v. 17	.....5
Wednesday .....	.....16	.....8, v. 22	.....14, to v. 25	.....6
Thursday .....	.....17	.....9, v. 33	.....15, v. 27	.....9, to v. 18
Friday .....	.....19	.....10, to v. 17	Joshua .....7, v. 10	.....10, v. 14
Saturday	Jeremiah... 4, v. 14	John .....4, to v. 43	1 Samuel .....3	.....11, to v. 17
Fourth Sunday in Lent.....	Job .....27	Mark 10, v. 17 to v. 35	Jeremiah .....8	Revelation 3, to v. 14
Monday .....	.....28	.....10, v. 35	1 Samuel .....4	1 Cor. ....14, v. 26
Tuesday .....	.....29	.....12, to v. 18	.....16	2 Cor. ....2
Wednesday .....	.....30	.....12, v. 18 to v. 28	.....28	.....6, v. 11
Thursday .....	.....31, v. 4	.....12, v. 28	2 Samuel... 18, v. 17	.....7
Friday .....	.....32	Luke .....4, v. 49	.....24, to v. 15	.....12, to v. 16
Saturday	Genesis... 18, v. 16	John.....12, v. 20	.....24, v. 15	Galatians...6, to v. 10
Fifth Sunday in Lent.....	Job .....38, to v. 19	Luke.....12, to v. 22	Gen... ..19, v. 12 to v. 30	Revelation...3, v. 14
Monday .....	.....38, v. 19	.....12, v. 22 to v. 41	1 Kings .....3, v. 5	2 Thess. ....2
Tuesday .....	.....39, v. 13	.....12, v. 41	2 Kings .....6, to v. 24	Hebrews .....3
Wednesday .....	.....40	John.....5, v. 24	.....22	.....6
Thursday .....	.....41	.....5, v. 24	Nehemiah... 4	.....7, v. 11
Friday .....	.....42	Acts... 16, v. 14 to v. 38	Proverbs 50, to v. 18	.....8
Saturday	Zachariah .....11	Mark.....11, to v. 12	.....31	.....9, to v. 15
Sunday before Easter.....	Genesis... 4, to v. 16	.....11, v. 12 to v. 20	Exodus .....15	Revelation .....4
Monday	Joshua .....2	.....11, v. 20	Genesis... 25, v. 10	.....5
Tuesday	Isaiah 49, v. 7 to v. 24	John.....11, v. 25	Isaiah... ..6, to v. 13	.....6, v. 8
Wednesday	Num. ....20, to v. 14	.....6, v. 22	.....54	.....7, v. 9
Thursday	Leviticus 16, to v. 23	.....18	.....64	.....11, v. 15
Good Friday.....	Daniel .....3, v. 28	.....19, v. 38	Numbers .....35, v. 9	.....14
Easter Even	Num. ....21, v. 4 to v. 10	.....21, to v. 20	Joshua .....4	.....21
Easter Sunday.....			Ezekiel... 47, to v. 13	.....22

A TABLE

OF

LESSONS FOR THE EMBER-DAYS AND ROGATION-DAYS.

[To be used, at the discretion of the Minister, instead of the Lessons elsewhere appointed in the Calendar.]

	MORNING.		EVENING.	
	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.
EMBER-DAYS IN AD- VENT.				
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23. to v. 16	John 1, v. 19 to v. 35	Jeremiah ...23, v. 16	2 Cor..... 4
Friday	26, to v. 20	5, v. 33	Malachi..... 2	1 Thess..... 5
Saturday	Malachi...3, to v. 16	Matt..... 24, v. 42	..... 3, v. 16 & 4	Titus 2
EMBER-DAYS IN LENT.				
Wednesday	Ezekiel.....3, v. 10	.....12, v. 44	Ezekiel....33 to v. 20	1 Timothy 3
Friday	34, to v. 17	.....17, v. 14	..... 34, v. 17	..... 5
Saturday	37, to v. 15	.....19, to v. 16	1 Kings.. 13, to v. 27	Titus 1
EMBER-DAYS IN WHIT- SUN WEEK.				
Wednesday	Deut.... 18, v. 15	.....10, v. 10	..... 19	1 Cor..... 1, v. 18
Friday	2 Kings...2, to v. 23	John.....15, v. 16	Isaiah.... 6, to v. 9	..... 2
Saturday	Isaiah .....61	..... 16, to v. 15	Jeremiah 42, to v. 13	.....9, v. 7
EMBER-DAYS IN AU- TUMN.				
Wednesday	Jer....6, v. 8 to v. 20	Acts..... 1, to v. 10	Ezekiel .....2	2 Cor..... 5, v. 10
Friday	Ezekiel.. 13. to v. 17	.....4, to v. 13	..... 14, to v. 12	Eph...4, v. 7 to v. 17
Saturday	Hosea....4, to v. 10	.....4, v. 13 to v. 14	Micah... 3, v. 5	Heb...13, v. 7 to v. 22
ROGATION-DAYS.				
Monday	Deut..... 8	Matt.....6, v. 24	Deut.... 28, to v. 14	2 Cor.....5, to v. 10
Tuesday	1 Kings 8, v. 22 to v. 44	Luke.... 11, to v. 14	Isaiah..... 61	James....1, to v. 18
Wednesday	Jeremiah 14	John...6, v. 5 to v. 15	Ezekiel .....14, v. 12	.....5

APPENDIX VII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

THE Committee on the Memorials of Deceased Members respectfully report at the meeting for organization held Oct. 5, 1877, the committee resolved, "That such memorial as they might propose should have reference only to members of the House of Deputies, and be confined to those of the last and of the present Convention deceased before the presentation of the report." This decision was made in view of similar action reported upon and sanctioned by the last General Convention. The probable action of the House of Bishops *in memoriam* of any of their number who have deceased since the last General Convention will render unnecessary any record by this committee of the valuable and noble lives and works of those Rt. Rev. Fathers in God, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours.

While recognizing, with grateful hearts, the mercy of God in sparing so many of the members of the last Convention to represent the Church in her present council, we mourn all the more the decease and absence of those who have shared in the deliberations and works which have given dignity and character to our sessions, and promoted the prosperity and growth of the Church.

I. Scarcely had the last session of Convention closed when the Church was called upon to lament the loss of Col. Thomas E. B. Pegues, a Deputy from Mississippi for many years. He died soon after his return to his home from the Convention of 1874. He was a most exemplary Christian, prompt in the discharge of his duties to the Church, prominent in Church work in the Diocese to which he belonged and in which he had spent a great portion of his life. He was about sixty-three years of age at the time of his demise. The Diocese of Mississippi especially, as well as the Church at large, deeply regret his decease.

II. The Rev. Samuel Adams Clark, D.D., departed this life on the twenty-eighth day of January, 1875. He was, for more than eighteen years, Rector of St. John's Parish, in Elizabeth, N. J.; for the last four years of his life a member of the House of Deputies of the General Convention; and, at the time of his death, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey. His earnest life, his genial spirit, his devoted labours endeared him to all who knew him, and he leaves a precious memory to the Church.

III. George W. Cuyler, in 1874 a member of this House from the Diocese of Western New York, died at Palmyra, N. Y., his birthplace, July 20, 1876, aged sixty-seven years. Of quiet and unobtrusive tastes, his wisdom and ability in the affairs of life, his scrupulous integrity and high sense of duty, gave him an influence largely felt for good in the section of the State in which he lived. He was a Warden and Vestryman of the Church for more than forty years, was long the Treasurer of the Christmas Fund of the Diocese, and his name was intimately associated with the material interests of the Church, which were the objects of his constant care and generous liberality. He lived an honored and useful life, and has gone to the Christian's rest and reward.

IV. Mr. Edward King, Lay Deputy from Rhode Island in the General Convention of 1874, was a man of marked ability, of refined taste, of delicate sense of honour, of conservative and modest temper, and of high Christian principle. He served the Church in four General Conventions. He departed this life on the second day of September, 1875, in the sixtieth year of his age.

V. On the 3d of November, 1875, entered into rest, in the fifty-third year of his age, the Rev. Duncan Cameron Mann, a Presbyterian of the Diocese of Western New York and a member of this House in 1874. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop DeLancey, August 20, 1861, and Priest, by the same, August 19, 1862. His first charge was the Parish of St. John's, Schuyler County, and a Mission at Watkins. He was an active member of both the Diocesan and the General Board of Missions from the time of their inception; and commanded the confidence of the public at large in so great a degree that he was made, by its spontaneous action, School Commissioner of Schuyler County, a work, writes his Bishop, which he prosecuted with great benefit to the cause of education, without any diminution of his fidelity in his Parish. As a man of tried piety and worth, of great diligence and earnest devotion to his work, he had few superiors even in the Church at large. His missionary zeal was a conspicuous feature of his character and of his parochial labours. He will long be remembered by all who knew him, not only in the parish of which he was the founder, but in the whole region which he so conspicuously adorned.

VI. Since the last General Convention, the Diocese of Virginia has been called on to mourn the death of her two most cherished sons, the Rev. Charles W. Andrews, D.D., and Mr. Tasewell Taylor. The former died in the month of May, 1875, suddenly, while on his way to attend the Council of the Church in his own Diocese, and the latter as suddenly on a later day of the same year.

Dr. Andrews had been a member of this House for a long succession of years, and was recognized as among the ablest and most earnest champions of our Church. Every subject which affected its interests was a subject of concern to him. He spared no labour in its investigation and advocacy. This, added to a vigorous intellect, sound judgment, and acknowledged piety, secured for him an attentive hearing and gave him a well-deserved weight in the counsels of this House.

VII. Mr. Taylor, who served as a Deputy in this House in 1874, was a lawyer of eminence and of large practice at the Norfolk bar. For many years he had been a faithful follower of our Divine Master, and was widely known for his liberality to all Church objects, and his devotion to her interests. He was a truly good and able man, and his death was much deplored.

VIII. Mr. Hiram B. Smith, Deputy to the last General Convention from the Diocese of Vermont, died at his residence in Milton, Vt., the last of September, 1875. He was a prominent member of the Chittenden County bar, an earnest and devoted Churchman. He was an active Lay Reader, and faithful in holding up the hands of his rector. He was a member of the Diocesan Convention, and of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and won the confidence and love of those who knew him well.

IX. Gen. John H. Chedell was born in Coventry, Tolland County, Conn., April 24, 1806. In 1817 he removed to Otsego County, N. Y., where he remained until 1827, when he removed to Auburn. He was deeply interested in all good works, and gave liberally of his means to advance the institutions of the Church. Honoured by the entire community, his earthly course was finished June 19, 1875. He was a member of the last General Convention.

X. On August 10, 1875, Franklin Fell, long a member of this House,

departed this life in his sixty-second year, deeply lamented in the Diocese of Delaware, which had long been the scene of his zealous and efficient labours in the service of the Church.

For many years a member of the Convention of the Diocese of Delaware, he was essentially a leader in its deliberations; and was invariably chosen to fill the most responsible positions which demand the services of the laity. He was untiring in his devotions to the interests of the Church.

In 1862 Mr. Fell was elected a Deputy from Delaware to the General Convention, and was a member of that body during five consecutive sessions. He was also for a long time a member of the Board of Missions.

Genial and hospitable in social intercourse, energetic and successful in business, he yet dedicated all his powers to the service of our Lord; and his memory will long be cherished by those who knew him and shared his labours.

XI. In the month of May, 1876, William Plumer Wheeler, a Deputy from the Diocese of New Hampshire to the last General Convention, was called to his eternal rest and reward. He was a lawyer of distinguished ability, a citizen trusted and honoured, a neighbor and friend universally beloved. Modestly declining the honours of judicial station and various other secular positions, he filled many places of high responsibility in the Church. Not slothful in business he was fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. He realized in his heart, and illustrated in his daily life, the compatibility of the earnest prosecution of secular affairs with the service of God, and the development of pure and undefiled religion.

XII. The Rev. S. T. McMasters, D.D., LL.D., deceased in 1875. No more fitting memorial of him could be offered than to use the words of the Bishop of Minnesota in his address to the Diocesan Council, June 14, 1876:—

“Rev. S. T. McMasters, D.D., LL.D., had been with us twelve years, and was beloved by all who knew him. He was a rare scholar, a man of varied learning, and one of the most reverent men I ever knew. He was a great-hearted man, and loved to be the almoner for God and the comforter of the sorrowful. He had the largest Parish in the Diocese, and yet found time for Missionary work. He was one of the firmest friends of our Divinity School, and for years gave us, without compensation, his services as a lecturer on Christian Education. He, too, carried a heavy cross of suffering, which he bore without a murmur. He fell asleep with the words ‘Our Father’ on his lips.”

XIII. The Rev. James Lloyd Breck, a member elect of this House, died at Benicia, Cal., after a short illness, March 30, 1876. He was born in Philadelphia, June 27, 1818; graduated at the General Theological Seminary, May, 1841; was ordained in July, and immediately afterwards, in company with the Rev. William Adams and J. H. Hobart, proceeded to Nashotah, in Wisconsin, where they began that associated work which inaugurated a new era in the Church. This being established, he moved farther west, to Minnesota, where he founded, at Crow Wing and elsewhere, the Mission work among the Indians, which has since assumed such importance in the Church. He also established at Fairbault (since the centre of Church work in that Diocese) its schools for both sexes, and its Divinity School. This being accomplished, his earnest spirit moved him, in 1867, to go to the farthest limit of our country westward, and on the shores of California found similar institutions. At the head of an Associate Mission he landed there in May, 1867, and, locating at Benicia, founded St. Augustine's College and Grammar School with a Divinity School attached; and this being established and given over to a Board of Trustees, he proceeded to found a school for young ladies, St. Mary's Hall. It was in the midst of this very successful work that he suddenly died, March 31, 1876, leaving a vacancy in the Church which no one has yet been found to fill.

XIV. On the first day of January, 1877, the Rev. Silas Deane Davenport entered into rest. He was Dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, Tex., and for eight years and five months Rector of the Parish. He was born in 1829; ordained Deacon, Dec. 21, 1856, and Priest, Nov. 27, 1859, and elected a member to three General Conventions. In all these relations he evinced fidelity, zeal, and ability. He was always the gentleman, the Christian, and the Clergyman. He never forgot the breeding of the first, the meekness of the second, or the dignity of the third. His standard in these respects was fixed, and he never fell below it.

XV. On the night of the 20th of March, 1877, after a severe and protracted illness, the Rev. Wm. Croes Crane, D.D., entered into that rest that remaineth for the people of God. Dr. Crane was born in Bridgeton, N. J., in the year 1814, received his education at the West Point Military Academy, and entered the Ministry of the Church in 1837. In the year 1858 he accepted the Rectorship of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Miss., and from that time has been a Deputy from that Diocese to the General Convention on every occasion of its representation until the present year. For the last thirteen years he was President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mississippi, and was Trustee both of the General Theological Seminary and also of the University of the South. On the first Sunday in July, 1876, our beloved brother, after preaching an earnest sermon from the text, "I have fought a good fight," and celebrating the Holy Communion, during the chanting the "Gloria in Excelsis," fell at the altar insensible, and, after a painful illness of nine months, he was taken to the Paradise of God. He fell at his post, with his armour on.

XVI. The Hon. Isaac F. Redfield was for thirty years a member of this House. He was a leading jurist, not only of Vermont, but of the country, a loyal son of the Church, an humble and devoted servant of God. His name was not only a tower of strength in legal decisions, but also in all practical questions relating to the welfare of Church or State. His many virtues and eminent talents assure his best eulogium.

XVII. The Rev. Albert Smedes, D.D., a Clerical Deputy from the Diocese of North Carolina, entered into rest on the 25th of April, 1877. He was born in the city of New York, April 20, 1810. Graduated at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1826; graduated at the General Theological Seminary in 1832; Assistant Minister to the Rev. Dr. Lyell, of Christ Church, New York, from 1832 to 1835, having been ordained Deacon in 1832. He was ordained Priest in 1834. He was Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady, N. Y., from 1836 to 1839, and Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C., from 1842 to 1877. At the time of his death he was President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, Trustee of the University of the South, Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, and a Deputy to the General Convention. He was a great leader in the cause of Christian education.

XVIII. The Rev. James H. Elliott, D.D., of the Diocese of South Carolina, died in Charleston on the 11th of June, 1877, aged fifty-seven years. His earlier ministry was in a rural parish of South Carolina, then in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, of which he was Assistant Minister for ten years. For two years he was Rector of the Church at Madison, Ga., and for a period editor of the *Christian Witness* in the city of Boston, Mass. In 1870 he returned to his native city, and took charge of St. Paul's Church, Charleston, where his life and labours ended. He was a faithful pastor, a vigorous writer, an able preacher, Christ crucified being his favourite theme. He was a well-read theologian, and a man of general culture. His judgment was just, his sympathies were large, his temper genial. His congregation, and his brethren in the ministry, together mourn his loss for themselves and the Diocese.

XIX. Thomas M. Howe, a Deputy-elect from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, died July, 1877, aged about seventy years. He was one of the most respected citizens of Western Pennsylvania, where he had been long and successfully engaged in business as a banker and manufacturer, and in the development of the mineral resources of Northern Michigan. He was for four years a member of Congress from the Pittsburgh district, and at one time the Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania; a member of every Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and of the General Conventions of 1871 and 1874, and elected to that of 1877. He was a devoted and generous Churchman, active and zealous in good works, wise, prudent, and faithful in every position he occupied in life, — an honourable and an honoured man.

XX. The Rev. Jacob L. Clark, D.D., was born at Westhampton, Mass., Sept. 19, 1808, and had attained, at the time of his decease, Jan. 26, 1877, to nearly the scriptural limit of man's appointed age, — threescore years and ten. In all the duties of life he was noted for his industry and exertion, and he had an instinctive respect for all earnest and honest men. Educated at Washington (now Trinity) College, he was graduated at that institution in 1831, and there he became acquainted with the distinctive features of the Church and entered her fold. Having finished his course of study in the General Theological Seminary, he was ordained to the Diaconate June 29, 1835, and took charge of the Parish at New Canaan and Ridgefield, Conn., remaining there until called to the rectorship of St. John's Church, Waterbury, where he ministered for very nearly forty years. He was ordained Priest, July 5, 1836; was elected member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Connecticut, with which he was connected for twenty-three years; a member of successive General Conventions, from 1850-1874; and for many years a member of the Board of Missions, in whose proceedings he took a prominent part. In all these offices and positions he was noted for his faithfulness. In 1856 he was nominated by the Bishops to the Episcopate of Nebraska and Kansas, and in 1859 chosen by the Convention Bishop of Nebraska and the Northwest, which he declined. In all the elements that constitute the genuine Christian minister and man Dr. Clark shone pre-eminently.

XXI. The Rev. William H. Clark, a Deputy to this Convention from the Diocese of Georgia for three consecutive sessions, from 1868-1874 inclusive, was a native of Norwich, Conn., a graduate of Yale College, and also of the General Theological Seminary. After serving in the ministry for a few years in the Dioceses of Maryland and Pennsylvania, he removed to the Diocese of Georgia in 1854. For seventeen years he was Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta, Georgia; was Dean of the Augusta Convocation; and for nine years was President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. A few years ago he was elected by the House of Bishops Missionary Bishop of Africa, but felt it was his duty to decline. He died suddenly while at the death-bed of a parishioner on the 10th of August, 1877. He was a faithful Parish Priest, a courteous and considerate presiding officer, a pure and single-hearted Christian; and this body and the Church at large have lost in his death a worthy member and a dutiful and devoted son.

XXII. Since the last General Convention the Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, D.D., a former Delegate from the Diocese of New Hampshire and a member of its Standing Committee, has been called to his rest. An esteemed and faithful clergyman, labouriously serving in the Mission field, Dr. Herrick has left a blessed record of self-denying pastoral work and of saintly character. He was a diligent and learned scholar, and deeply imbued with the true spirit of the Church and the Prayer Book. Quiet and retired in his walk and conversation, we believe him to have been one of God's honoured ones, who, for turning many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

XXIII. The Rev. Riverius Camp, D.D., was born, educated, and admitted to Holy Orders in Connecticut, where he passed the larger portion of his life in labouring faithfully for Christ and the Church. His health failing him when well advanced in years, he resorted to the more genial climate of Florida, and became the Rector of Christ Church, Monticello, and continued his work nearly to the end of his days. Both of his Bishops have borne affectionate testimony in their Convention addresses to his excellences as a man and his uniform zeal and devotion as a Clergyman of the Church.

XXIV. The Diocese of Maryland mourns the loss of E. Wyatt Blanchard, its Lay Deputy to the last General Convention and elected a Deputy to this Convention. He was taken to his rest in the month of August last. He was an earnest, hard-working, and liberal-minded Churchman. As a lawyer he was distinguished for great tact in the transaction of business as well as in the clear preception of the principles of the law. The confidence of the community in which he lived was manifested in many ways, and among other offices he held the important ones of School Commissioner and Trustee of the Peabody Institute. As a Vestryman of his old Parish of St. Paul's, Baltimore, as Treasurer of the Missionary Committee of his Diocese, and a leading member for many years in the Diocesan Convention as well as a Deputy to the General Convention, he was faithful and true, and we bear grateful testimony to this and to his many shining qualities and eminent virtues.

XXV. Watson Webb, a Lay Deputy to the Convention of 1874 from the Diocese of California, was suddenly called to his rest during the year 1875. Mr. Webb had scarcely reached the period of middle life, but he was an ardent, active Churchman, full of good works. As a Vestryman of St. Paul's Church, Oakland, for several years the Treasurer of the Diocese, a zealous member of the Board of Diocesan Missions, and a most consistent communicant of the Church, Mr. Webb was an exemplar to all business men and members of the Church. His place was not easily filled. But his Master called him home, almost without warning, for he was found dead in his chair. He was, however, ready, and we believe is at rest in the Paradise of God.

The committee recommends that the House adopt the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That this House, mourning the loss and cherishing the memory of those faithful soldiers and servants of Christ departed in the Lord, desire to place on record the testimony of its appreciation of their character and work; and while we give God thanks for their good examples, do pray that we may so imitate their virtues, that with them we may have our perfect consummation of bliss, both of body and soul, in God's eternal and heavenly kingdom.

Resolved, That the Report and Memorial of the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members be printed as an appendix to the Journal of this House.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by order of the Committee.

WM. PAYNE, *Chairman*.

R. M. ABERCROMBIE, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX VIII.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECCLESIASTICAL RELATIONS AND RELIGIOUS REFORM.

THE Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform beg to present the following as their Report to the General Convention of 1877 :—

This Committee was appointed by the General Convention of 1874 under joint resolutions (see Journal, pages 116, 117, 125, 149, 194, 202), which proposed to place our Church in sympathetic attitude toward "movements in progress throughout Christendom which are preparing the way for a return to Apostolic truth and primitive order," and to "give moral coöperation" to the same.

The members of the Joint Committee are as follows :—

The Bishop of Connecticut, *Chairman*; The Bishop of Ohio; The Bishop of Pennsylvania; The Bishop of Western New York; The Bishop of Long Island; The Bishop of Central New York; The Rev. Benj. I. Haight, D.D.; The Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck, D.D.; The Rev. George Leeds, D.D.; The Rev. Thomas F. Davies, D.D.; The Rev. John Fulton, D.D.; Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, LL.D.; Mr. Cambridge Livingston; Mr. Robert M. Mason; Mr. John A. King; Mr. Courtland Parker, LL.D.

Directly after their appointment the Joint Committee met and appointed the Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck, D.D., Secretary; the Hon. Cambridge Livingston, Treasurer; and the following subcommittees, viz. :—

1. *On Oriental Churches :—*
THE BISHOP OF OHIO, REV. DR. FULTON, MR. RUGGLES.
2. *On the Old Catholic Movement in Europe :—*
THE BISHOP OF WESTERN NEW YORK, THE BISHOP OF LONG ISLAND, REV. DR. SCHENCK, REV. DR. LEEDS, MR. MASON, MR. KING.
3. *On the Church of Sweden and other Churches of Northern Europe :—*
THE BISHOP OF CONNECTICUT, REV. DR. DAVIES, MR. LIVINGSTON.
4. *On Religious Bodies at Home and Abroad looking to a return to primitive order :—*
THE BISHOP OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, REV. DR. HAIGHT, REV. DR. LEEDS, MR. PARKER.
5. *On Correspondence with Foreign Chaplains :—*
REV. DR. SCHENCK.

These subcommittees at once entered upon the discharge of their respective duties, and, as the fruits of correspondence or the results of travel reported to the Joint Committee at its meetings (three times a year) their contributions to the store of information which the Committee has sought to accumulate. A large proportion of this is not matter designed for publication or material for this report. It has rather been the object of the Committee by personal correspondence, or otherwise, to send out information to those who look to our Church for light and leading, and to gather such knowledge from them as shall enable us to appreciate their

doctrinal attitudes and religious wants. The Joint Committee can but feel that it is inaugurating or attempting to develop in some measure a sentiment of substantial sympathy and a desire for mutual coöperation in love and labour among all those "who profess and call themselves Christians," of whatever name or clime.

The visit to the East of the Chairman of the Subcommittee on "Oriental Churches," the Right Reverend the Bishop of Ohio, made directly after the adjournment of the last General Convention, was followed by a Report, made to the Joint Committee by their request, of "Notes on Oriental Churches"; a very valuable paper, replete with information touching the Armenian and Coptic Churches not before possessed by us in any authoritative form. This Report was printed in October, 1875, as "Document I," and freely circulated throughout the Church. A copy of the same is herewith presented. About the same time the Chairman of this Subcommittee caused to be published the "Office of the Holy Communion according to the Usage of the Coptic Church in Egypt; from the Liturgy of St. Mark the Evangelist; translated by Joseph Hanna, Deacon of the Cathedral Church in Cairo, for the Bishop of Ohio." This has been adopted by the Joint Committee as one of its own publications, and a copy is herewith presented. The Subcommittee on Oriental Churches has, for two years and more, had in hand a very important work, of which full description is given in the following Reports made to the Joint Committee. The first was presented in October, 1876, and is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT ON THE BOOK OF INSTRUCTION IN CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

To the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations and Religious Reform.

The Subcommittee on Oriental Churches beg leave to report by the following paper furnished by their Chairman.

G. T. BEDELL,	} Subcommittee.
JOHN FULTON,	
S. B. RUGGLES,	

It will be remembered that among the books presented to us by the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem was a book of Instruction in Christian Knowledge. His eminence referred to it, with special emphasis, as a compendium which would exhibit to our Church their religious principles, and also their present method of inculcating Christianity upon their young people. I understood him to say that it was a modern version of an ancient treatise; and by its title we learn that it is an "Abridgment." The date of its composition does not appear on the title-page. Our copy is the second edition, published in the city of Jerusalem, A. D. 1873. Its imprimatur is given by the august names of the Catholicos of Ethmiadzin, the Patriarch Archbishop of Jerusalem, and the Archbishop of Constantinople. It comes to us, therefore, with all authority; and is the more valuable because it represents the present state of religious opinion and teaching in that venerable Church.

The Patriarch, surmising that we might have difficulty in translating it, suggested that he would have it put into English for us, because he was anxious that our Church should be assured of the orthodox character of the tenets of his Church. My brief stay in Jerusalem probably prevented the accomplishment of this purpose. It would have been a great gain to us, for the difficulty of finding a competent translator has been much greater than was supposed. By the care of Rev. Dr. Denison, of our Foreign Committee, attention was called to Mr. M. H. Aghakan, an Armenian student in the University Medical College of New York. He furnished us with a translation of the "Table of Contents," as it appears in

the appendix of Document No. I. The glimpse of the character of the book thus furnished awakened in many minds a desire to know more of it. I therefore placed the first chapter in the hands of Mr. Aghakan, as an experiment. He found considerable difficulty, inasmuch as the character in which the book is printed is the *ancient Armenian*; and it is never easy to transfer theological terms and ideas from an Oriental to our modern language. I have little doubt that the committee will agree in my opinion that Mr. Aghakan has succeeded well. I have made no alterations except where the meaning could not otherwise be understood, and in no case without consulting him. Where the intention of the author seemed doubtful, I have had the translation reviewed, in my presence, the translator reading to me from the original, and the questionable words or phrases being fully discussed. There is a quaintness of expression, which I have not disturbed, that shows the originality of the translation, and will increase your confidence in it. No sooner had I read the first chapter than curiosity gave place to an earnest desire to sit at the feet of these teachers from the East, and to listen to their whole story of the Gospel. And I present to the committee to-night all which has thus far been selected for translation,—portions which will exhibit its character, its mode of presenting truth, and its harmony with Scripture and in general with the tenets of our own Church.

The distinctive qualities of this valuable treatise are simplicity, unaffected confidence in God's truth, constant reliance upon and reference to God's Word written, and logical precision and clearness. The golden thread on which the whole argument is wrought is the *oneness* of the Revelation. There is a continual recognition of the fact that the Old and New Testaments are parts of a whole; and that the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospel compose an undivided and indivisible manifestation of God's revealed will. As I read in this book the evidence of God's unsearchable wisdom in preserving to this ancient Church its heritage of truth, I wonder; am humiliated in the sense of my want of faith in the watchfulness of God the Holy Ghost over these scattered members of the Catholic body; am unspeakably grateful for this revelation of His providential, spiritual care. Whilst I had supposed (and perhaps not I alone) that they were needing instruction from our Missionaries, I find their declarations of the principles of Christ's religion scriptural, pure, and lucid. If the teachers of this Oriental Church are equals of its teachings, and if its practices run parallel with its doctrines, it was not an idle boast by the venerable Patriarch (*vide* Document No. I, p. 17), that, older than ours, and confessedly Catholic, it is equally Protestant.

I invite special attention to the instructions of this book on the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The thought of the scholar is drawn to their spiritual meaning. With respect to the Lord's Supper, the emphasis of instruction is laid on the spiritual preparation necessary in the recipient. Specimens of the translation are furnished (if the committee so direct) for a document (*vide* Document No. III).

The portions translated, and herewith submitted, are as follows:—

PART I. Chapter I. On Religion.

- II. On Faith.
- III. On the Confession of Faith [creed].
- IV.

Section 2. The Oath of Baptism.

- 4. The Oath of Eucharist.
- 5. The Oath of Marriage.
- 6. The Oath of Ordination.

PART II. Chapter II. Introduction to the Study of the Commandments, and the First and Second Commandments.

A brief sketch of incidents in the life of the translator has been furnished at my request, and is added. It will further interest the committee to know that while Mr. Aghakan has been pursuing his medical studies in New York, on a late 4th of July he was walking out in the evening with a friend, and purposely at a safe distance from the fireworks, as they supposed; but the stick of a rocket descending struck directly in the centre of the pupil of his left eye, and destroyed the sight forever.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. BEDELL.

The following was submitted as a supplemental Report on October 2, 1877:—

Immediately after the session of the Joint Committee in New York in October last, your Subcommittee followed instructions by verifying the accuracy of the translation of the book on "Christian Doctrine" of the Armenian Church, offered at that meeting. A portion was sent to the Patriarch at Jerusalem, through the American vice-consul at that city, with an explanatory letter in Armenian. No reply has been received, — probably through the political difficulties which since our October meeting have involved all the Mohammedan provinces, and especially the rich province of Armenia, in disastrous war. Fortunately your committee obtained the valuable assistance of the Rev. Dr. Van Lennep, late a Missionary of the American Board in Asia Minor, whose thorough acquaintance with the Armenian language enabled him to review the translation satisfactorily. It is now presented with his corrections, and the committee are happy to say that Mr. Aghakan's labours receive from him great credit, and his translation is approved as essentially good and true. Correspondence was opened also with Rev. S. C. Malan, Prebendary of Sarum (England), which has resulted in obtaining treasures of his translations from the Armenian and Coptic Liturgies, and other documents relating to the Oriental Churches, invaluable to us, and evidences of his varied learning.

A letter was also received from the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, urging that our Church should spread its shelter over a portion of the Armenian Church in Asia Minor, to which your Subcommittee responded instantly, requesting information as to the Church relations of the Christians and Ecclesiastics to whom he referred, which might enable us to present the case to the Board of Missions. No reply has been received, probably on account of the increasing political disorders in the East.

The important portions of these several correspondences are annexed.

The following results have been reached:—

1. The ancient Liturgy of the Armenian Church has been overlaid by many errors derived from the Roman Church. (Malan, Preface.)

2. The Armenian Church is much more pure than that portion which has yielded to the Roman obedience.

3. Information concerning the Armenian Church, returned by Missionaries in Asia Minor, has been very deficient (*vide* Rev. Dr. Van Lennep's Letters), and has related chiefly to the portion of this Church devoted to the Church of Rome. Such was the information relied upon by one of your committee, in reporting to the Foreign Committee twenty-five years ago on the subject of missions to the Oriental Church. (*Vide* copy of portion of that Report.)

4. The Liturgy of the Orthodox Armenian Church is replete with pure devotion, whilst marred by many untruths and half-truths as to the character, intention, and effects of the sacraments; and specially recognizes the offices of the Holy Ghost. This feature is remarkable, especially

whilst this recognition is mingled with frequent doctrinal error. (*Vide* Malan's translation Armenian Liturgy, pp. 23, 24, 41, 46; Specimen of Devotion, p. 29.)

Attention is called also to a peculiar version of the Nicene creed (p. 32, note 4, 33). There appears in the Armenian "Rite of Baptism" (*vide* Malan's translation, p. 318) a sentence to which we call attention. It is annexed.

We can at present recommend no practical measure which will advantage the Armenian Church. The confusion arising from the present war forbids any attempt to influence them. If we could, through our national government, throw any protection around them, we ought not to refuse, nor to delay whatever action may be necessary. The difficulties of Missionary work among them are so great, as portrayed by the Report to the Foreign Committee already referred to, that we cannot now recommend a reference of the subject to the Board of Missions.

But we do recommend, through the commission to the Church, that we pray earnestly and continually to our Lord Christ that he will save, out of the fires now raging around them, these ancient Oriental Churches, removing the dross of centuries, but refining their fine gold.

All which is respectfully presented.

G. T. PEDELL,	} <i>Subcommittee.</i>
JOHN FULTON,	
S. B. RUGGLES,	

P. S. From the Armenian "Rite of Holy Baptism":—

"Then the Priest asks the Child's name, gives it him, and lets him down into the water, saying,—

"This N., servant of God, who is come from the state of childhood (or of a Catechumen) to Baptism, is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Bought by the blood of Christ from the bondage of sin, he receives the adoption of a child of the Heavenly Father, to be joint heir with Christ, and the temple of the Holy Ghost."

ULTRAMONTANISM AND THE OLD CATHOLIC MOVEMENT.

On the Old Catholic movement in Europe and its contrast to the counter movement of Ultramontanism we have the following to present, which was prepared by the Chairman of the Joint Committee, upon special request.

A very important as well as interesting subject, which has received the attention of the committee, is the condition and prospects severally of the Ultramontane and Old Catholic movements in Europe.

From the re-establishment of the Jesuits by Pius VII in 1814, that order has been the vigorous promoter of Ultramontanism. All its manifold and powerful influences have been exerted in advancing the most extreme claims of the Papacy. It appears to have kept constantly in view two things, and to have laboured for them unremittingly. The first of these was the entire and absolute spiritual supremacy of the Bishop of Rome over the churches of the Roman obedience; and the second, the restoration of the temporal power—shattered and wrecked as it seemed to be—of the same Bishop. In regard to the former, its success has been complete. In reference to the latter, if actual results have been widely different from what was sought, still, the loftiest claims have been advanced, and "the good time coming" is hoped and waited for. It is difficult to conceive of a greater contrast than is presented by the language of Leo XII and that of Pius IX. In 1828, Bernetti, speaking for the former Pope, said to Mr. Huskisson: "We know that we are not what our predecessors were some centuries ago; we are a feeble and decaying power; it is

for our interest to be friends with the great powers of Europe, and with none more than with England. Do not, however, ask us to rescind the edicts of ancient councils, nor to change the principles of our church; this we cannot do; look forward and not backward. *Dites nous ce que vous convient*, and we will do it if it is possible." In 1864, Pius IX issued his Encyclical and Syllabus, in which—however the attempt may have been made to explain them away—he revived all the claims of his predecessors, while Jesuit commentaries upon these documents were even more astounding.

It is, undoubtedly, to be remembered that in 1828 what was called "Catholic Emancipation" was impending in England; and it was, as undoubtedly, judicious, whether in Rome or Great Britain, to minimize all claims likely to give offence, and to smooth away all obstacles to what was so eagerly desired. Making, however, every allowance for that, the amazing contrast still remains. This contrast is due to the efforts of the Jesuits.

It can hardly be necessary to set forth here the detailed steps by which they advanced to the consummation of their plans in regard to the spiritual supremacy of the Roman Pontiff. A step forward, when it could be taken, and no step backward, was their rule. Under the three predecessors of the present Pontiff they were perpetually advancing; and when Pius IX returned from Gaeta with Antonelli for his Prime Minister, he who had signalized the opening of his Pontificate by commanding a French Oratorian to vindicate the memory of Clement XIV from Jesuit slanders, became the puppet of the order, and the control of the Roman Church passed into its hands. The way was open and easy. In 1854, the Pontiffs abrogated the functions of the Episcopate by summoning it simply to stand by and witness the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. In 1870, the Episcopate abrogated its own functions by the Decree of Infallibility, and the triumph of Jesuitism was, in this direction, complete.

In theory quite as great an advance was made in regard to the temporal power of the Roman Pontiff. Theory and fact, however, are not always in accord, and they were notably out of accord in the present case. How it was in 1828 has been already stated. Gregory XVI came to the Pontificate just in time for the Jesuits to avail themselves in some quarters of the reaction from the revolutionary movements of 1830. It was a strange sight to see those who, when they could, tied up the instruction of the young in the strongest bonds, making "Liberty of Teaching" their watchword in France, and under it gaining, in 1848, what elsewhere they denied to others. Hopes of gain for the Papacy were, doubtless, entertained in connection with the Prusso-Austrian war of 1866; but the results of that war, terminated by the battle of Sadowa, looked in a totally different direction. They destroyed German dualism, and unified Italy. Nor was the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 more helpful to the Papacy, though Jesuit intrigue certainly pushed it on in the hope of humbling the great Protestant power of Europe, and thereby gaining something for the Pontiff in his civil and political relations. The memory of it is too fresh in all minds to need to be even stated.

Within the last few months the agitation for the restoration of the temporal power—never abated, it must be borne in mind, in claim, however much shattered in fact—has been renewed under circumstances and with plans of operation that ought to receive the careful attention of all thinking men.

Localized for the moment in France, this movement is to be carried by organized action into every civilized country in the world. All the machinery which the Roman Church can command is to be set at work for its furtherance. If the utterances from the Vatican are in any degree true,

it is intended to gather into it the faithful in all lands, and to make it the grand crusade of this nineteenth century.

Against all these Ultramontane developments, carrying with them changes in Doctrine, Organization, and Worship, it is needless to say that the Old Catholic movement is a protest. Its original ground was that the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of 1854, the Encyclical and Syllabus of 1864, and the Decree of Infallibility of 1870, had so changed the *status* of the Roman Church that no man could continue in its communion and still adhere to the Catholic Church of Christ. True as such a position was, it was, obviously, not the whole truth, and could not be maintained as such. It was a right point of departure; it could not be a final resting-place.

If the acts of 1854 and 1870 had abrogated the proper functions of the Episcopate, and so to all intents and purposes destroyed it, it was equally true that its primitive and apostolical character, as set forth by St. Cyprian, had long before been taken from it by the usurpation of the Roman See, and it had become a satrapy and lieutenantship of the Pontificate. If, in the dogma of 1854, a new and unheard-of doctrine was imposed upon the Church, it was equally true that many other doctrines just as novel and unheard of had been imposed at Trent in 1565. In short, the Old Catholic movement in its inception was committed to a principle which must carry it on to other and further results.

Such results have been attained in matters pertaining to Divine Service and the ministration of the Sacraments, to doctrine, and to the Christian life. It is impossible, however, to enumerate them here, and we must refer all those who seek full and accurate information to the pages of the Foreign Church Chronicle for the current year. We wish this very valuable magazine might be in the hands of our clergy and laity generally. If advance in the line of reform has been less rapid than some might desire, it has always been moving in the right direction, and under the guidance of careful thought and study, and, what is much to be noted, *not* under the guidance of any single mind, nor shaped by one master.

In speaking of the Old Catholic movement in Europe, we have not taken into account the two divisions under which it presents itself, that, namely, in Germany, and that in Switzerland.

At the last Old Catholic Synod, held in Bonn during Whitsun week of the present year, the number of Old Catholics in Germany was reported as having reached 53,640 souls, being an increase of 3,832 over the total of the previous year. These were gathered into 121 congregations, ministered to by fifty-nine priests. The excess of congregations over clergy is very striking; and in view of it, it is asserted "that with twice the number of working clergy the Old Catholic statistics would double their present strength."

At the last Swiss Synod, held in Bonn, it appeared that the number of priests was seventy, and of parishes sixty-six; that the baptisms for the year were 1,182, and the confirmations 3,098. There has been, therefore, "a steady, although very small, advance along the whole line."

If the growth has not been all that, in the first eagerness of hope, was anticipated; if the love of some has waxed cold; if difficulties have arisen that could not have been foreseen; if, while more active and extended work has been developing, the early enthusiasm may appear to have somewhat abated, and the first flush of hope to have somewhat faded, surely that is nothing more than always occurs in the life-work of individuals or of organized bodies of men. He will measure badly and estimate erroneously who, in such matters, shall make the passive emotion of the out-start his only standard, and forget to look rather at the active habit into which that emotion, if it is more than an ephemeral feeling, will be sure to settle. We believe that, judged by this true standard, the Old Catholic

movement has in it an abiding life, — a life which is destined to enter largely into all movements for the advancement of Christian unity.

It was said, many years ago, by a godly and learned divine of our own Church, that as men, if they desire to recover the unbroken beam of light which has been spread out into the prismatic spectrum, must go behind the point where the prism was inserted, so we, if we desire to recover the unity of the Church and the Faith, must go back to a period which antedates those diversities of human opinion that have given us our shattered and discordant Christendom. Towards this point, we believe, the Old Catholics have been constantly, if quietly, moving. When all shall have reached it, if in God's mercy they do reach it, then there will come a true unity, because it will be a unity *in the truth*.

In January, 1876, the Subcommittee "On the Church of Sweden and other Churches of Northern Europe" requested a paper upon the Church of Sweden from the Rev. J. P. Tustin, D.D., who for a long time had resided in that country, and made himself very familiar with the structure and administration of the Scandinavian Church. He had enjoyed peculiar facilities for obtaining accurate information, and by his long residence had been able to cancel or confirm the impressions received by contact with the ecclesiastical life in that land. In response to the request of the Subcommittee a communication from Rev. Dr. Tustin was received, and printed as "Document II," entitled "The Church of Sweden," a copy of which is herewith presented. In addition to the free circulation given to this paper in pamphlet form, it was reprinted in one of our Church journals, and a large number of copies distributed among our Scandinavian population, now numbering some 400,000.

The Subcommittee "On Religious Bodies at Home and Abroad, looking to a Return to Primitive Order," have nothing which they desire embodied in this report, beyond the simple statement that their attention is constantly directed to those who may, sooner or later, in the wonderful changes now making in the religious world, desire and even demand a word of counsel and a hand of sympathy, such as may be given personally and unofficially at any time by members of this committee especially appointed to exercise these kindly offices of Christian and Catholic co-operation.

The correspondence with the Chaplains of our Churches in foreign lands has been conducted with more or less frequency as circumstances have justified, but has, during the three years that the Joint Committee has been in operation, always afforded a facile and reliable channel of communication between the Church abroad and at home, through which has flowed valuable information upon many matters embraced in the scope of the operations of the Joint Committee.

The subject of marriage as between members of our Church and Roman Catholics, solemnized in foreign lands, has been presented to the attention of the Joint Committee, and they have instituted a wide correspondence upon this subject, which is still prosecuted, and with the prospect of most satisfactory results. Letters are already on file from eminent diplomatists and ecclesiastics, which, with others soon to be received, will place your committee in a condition to throw much light upon this vexed question.

Your committee feel that the office intrusted to them is one of great importance, and would earnestly invite the co-operation of their brethren at home and abroad to aid them in the successful discharge of their duties.

In behalf of the Joint Committee,

NOAH HUNT SCHENCK, *Secretary*.

Boston, October, 1877.

APPENDIX IX.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

THE Joint Committee on Christian Education beg leave respectfully to report:—

That the theory of Christian education in the Church has been ably and sufficiently set forth in the reports of this committee to previous Conventions. They desire, therefore, at this time, to confine themselves to such practical suggestions as may afford some present and prospective help to the work which they have at heart. They ask the serious consideration of this Convention and of the Church to a few suggestions respecting—

1. The Relations of the Church to the Educational Work in this Country which is not distinctively her own.

2. Respecting Education in the Church; what we most need, and what, in the present condition of things, can be done.

- I. They believe the Church should be the leader in every good and noble work in this nation; and that the work in which she, through her Clergy and Lay Members, co-operates, even when, owing to the comparative fewness of numbers, the agents are not exclusively of her own appointment, becomes in a measure her work, is thereby elevated and blessed to a greater efficiency, and rescued from a wholly secular and worldly character. The mission of the Church in America is to the whole American people; and if, as has been said in a very able speech delivered in this Convention, "it ought to be the work of the Church to mould the thought of this land, to bring religion to bear upon science," "to train the mind according to that immortal law which governs us, body, soul, and spirit," then it is proper to inquire what relations the Church should sustain towards the great common-school system which prevails through the length and breadth of the land, and which, with more or less success, is contributing to "mould the thought" and the character of the mass of our people. We are not discussing the theory of the system. It is not necessary to indorse the system in all its details. The question is simply, how ought we, as Churchmen, individually and collectively, to bear ourselves in the presence of a great fact of our American civilization? Just as finding a form of government established under which we live, it is more practical to inquire what are our duties as citizens under this government than to discuss the theory of government in general.

Your committee believe that all true education looks heavenward, and is struggling to lift the human being towards the light and truth of God. That the Church, therefore, should manifest an eager living interest in the education of the masses as provided for by the State; that in proportion as Churchmen, both Clergy and Laity, combine with all other religious and virtuous people of our towns and rural districts in the effort to promote the usefulness and to guard the moral tone of these schools, they will be carrying out the ideal of the Church, as the nursing mother of the young, as feeling a tender interest in the welfare of those multitudes who do not belong to her, but whom she labours to gather one day into her bosom.

These schools exist as a fact, and they will continue to exist, whether we will or not; and so far as we have power and opportunity it would seem to be our clear duty to leaven them with religious influences by introducing or retaining in them, if possible, the reading of the Holy

Scriptures, the daily acknowledgment of dependence upon Almighty God, and of responsibility to Him, and the inculcation of Christian morals. In every school-house in this land the Holy Bible should be a visible witness to God and to His Truth. It is desirable, in the opinion of the committee, that this Convention proclaim it to be their solemn conviction that the Bible should be retained in the common schools, and that Churchmen should keep it steadfastly in mind, that when the tone of the community is so far pervaded by the Christian religion as to suffer the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed, in which all Christendom unites, to be said and taught in the State schools, we shall then have attained the basis of instruction in *all* which the Church believes and teaches.

Again, in regard to higher education in the great colleges and universities which do not belong to the Church, the question is not what we wish, but what shall be our action in view of the fact that far the greater number of Churchmen send their sons to the older and better-endowed institutions, or to those founded and supported by the several States. We ought assuredly, in the first place, to give our cordial sympathy to all efforts (not positively sceptical and godless) for a more thorough mental discipline and a broader culture. Next, the Church should be represented in all the larger colleges of the land by associations of a religious and churchly character, formed among the students, of which the end should be to help and guard the weak and unstable, and to assist the child of the Church to remain true to his faith amidst the most untoward surroundings. In the third place, we should endeavor in every collegiate town to secure for pastor the man who is best fitted by nature and acquirements to reach and influence the fresh young life around him. In an old college in one of the smaller New England towns the faithful teaching of able and devoted pastors during the last ten years has made the Church a power for good which is willingly acknowledged by the Faculty of the College. Personal influence, active exertion, and the sending of our ablest clergy to these centres of national life, will accomplish much. It is not enough to say that the work in any case is hopeless. It is the work given to the Church of Christ in this land to save our educated youth from sensual living and unbelief. She should have a strong post, therefore, in every seat of learning in this country; and while, through her educated sons, she secunds all advance in science and literature, she should be reaching forth to protect and aid her own youth, as well as all others of this nation, who are exposed to the perils of unsound teaching, and the strong temptations of the world and the flesh.

A word may be said here in reference to the proper Church College. There can be no uncertainty as to its functions or the great necessity for it in this country. It may be for many years inferior in numbers, endowment, and appliances for education (alas! that this should be so); but if it sends out yearly men who are better grounded than are the graduates of other institutions, both in the faith and in sound human learning, it will need no argument for its existence. It is of the highest use, as setting up a true standard of moral tone and religious discipline combined with intellectual culture and progress commensurate with the scientific demands of the age. To this end there should be the wisest, most assiduous, and loving pastoral supervision. The chapel should be the centre of scholastic life; its holy services the main-spring of the collegiate unity and energy. From it should flow the inspiration of the class-room. In the opinion of your committee, it is of the first importance that the instruction given in the colleges as well as the schools of the Church should be the very best and most thorough in the various branches of human learning. It might be well for the distinctive college of the Church, while not neglecting any department of science, to adhere to the historic branches of learning, — the classics and mathematics, and especially to the study and cultivation of that glorious literature of England, which as it has been the legitimate

growth so forms a part of the fair inheritance of the Church. Solid culture is a more imperative want to-day than scientific information. While the Church college remains the college only, it might be well to make this old curriculum of training its distinction.

II. Your committee are sensible that the great principles of Christian education are more generally understood than acted upon by our people. In regard to education in the Church, therefore, they only desire to suggest one or two practical methods of promoting and extending its efficiency.

Your committee would record it as their settled conviction that we do not need a larger number of theological seminaries, colleges, or expensive boarding-schools. If those we have could be adequately endowed, provided with enough of able and earnest teachers, and infused with a true intellectual and spiritual life, our wants in these directions would be fully supplied. In their present condition their multiplicity is weakness. The institutions which seem to your committee to be most needed are such schools for both sexes as shall combine the maximum of excellence in the quality of the teaching with the minimum of expense; which shall enable parents of very moderate means to give their children two or three years of such careful tuition under the auspices of the Church as may prepare them for useful work in life and a faithful performance of duty.

It is clear that the greatest difficulty in the way of establishing such schools is the lack of competent and devoted teachers who accept teaching as their vocation, and who work, not for money, but for God. This lack, in the opinion of your committee, can be effectually supplied only by associations of men and women who have given up their lives to this special work, and who begin early to undergo the mental and moral training necessary for their high calling. But these cannot be started in a formal way. They must spring up spontaneously, so to speak, and be the growth of providential ordering and individual influence. The best way practically to meet the urgent needs of the Church is to select the youths most promising in character and mental capacity, and give them a free education in our schools and colleges, by means of scholarships or special gifts on the part of the wealthy. The help given should be made wholly dependent upon the fitness of the recipients. Force of character, intellectual vigour, correct principles, and manly performance of duty should be deemed indispensable. Let there be a definite understanding that, for a certain number of years after graduation, they are to teach where their Bishop, or those who have directed their course, appoint. Two or three years of successful teaching will often lead to many more. The Standing Committees on Christian education might well make this a part of their office,—to look out those persons in the Diocese best fitted by nature and circumstances for this work, and provide for their oversight and direction while pursuing their studies.

In order to make any such temporary plans effective, and to prepare the way for what is lasting; to raise the character and methods of teaching to the highest attainable standard; to agree upon modes of discipline which will unite simplicity, firmness, and tenderness; to recognize in some practical way the value of stated mutual prayers for the divine blessing on their work; to realize more perfectly that they have a common aim, and as members of one body suffer and rejoice together; to present a common front against the evils which threaten the children of the Church and the youth of the nation: for these ends there should be some affiliation between the Church schools and colleges, a sort of quasi-guild, which should include stated meetings of the various institutions associated, by representation, for conference on all subjects of common interest, and also systematic correspondence on such points as the schedules of study; the best ways of communicating knowledge, secular and religious; the

system and rules of discipline. Your committee believe that such union would be strength, and would greatly promote the usefulness and definite action of the several institutions.

A large number of Dioceses have appointed Standing Committees on Christian education, in pursuance of the recommendation of this committee embodied in resolutions which were adopted by the General Conventions of 1868 and 1874. We again urge those Dioceses, to the number of twenty, which are not yet provided with such committees, to rectify the omission. To the Diocesan Committee it largely belongs to consider and carry into effect the suggestions made, from time to time, by the Standing Committees of the General Convention.

In each of the four General Conventions preceding the present one, a resolution has been passed, on the reception of the report of this committee, that a joint committee of both Houses should be appointed to sit during the recess of the General Convention to procure facts, prepare suggestions, and promote, by any means deemed advisable, the general work of Christian education. This resolution has never been carried out. In order to make it effective, your committee recommends the appointment of a joint committee of three members, one Bishop, one Presbyter, and one Layman, to be nominated by your committee, and ratified by this Convention, who shall have this work in their charge during the recess, and report, in accordance with this long-standing resolution, at the next General Convention.

In the opinion of your committee the subject intrusted to them is the most important that can come before the Convention, or engage the attention of the members of the Church. It has to do directly with the largest part of the Church's work, — the training of her children for this life and the next; the reaching and influencing of the multitudes yet without her pale; the forming and directing the educated thought of this people. Your committee most earnestly commend the subjects presented in their report to the thoughtful consideration and active interests of their fellow Churchmen.

They would recommend, in conclusion, the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That it is the solemn conviction of this General Convention, in both Houses, that the Holy Bible should be retained in our common schools; and that it is the duty of the Clergy and Laity of the Church to take, so far as the opportunity is afforded them, an active interest in the education provided by the State, with the purpose of infusing into it as much of religious influence and instruction as possible; to supplement it with such instruction elsewhere; and to add proper Church schools for the whole work, wherever they are needed and the means can be commanded for their support.

Resolved, That, with the concurrence of the House of Bishops, a Joint Committee, consisting of one Bishop, one Presbyter, and one Layman, be appointed to consider this whole matter during the recess; to procure facts, and prepare suggestions for the next General Convention; and to promote, by any means deemed advisable, the general work of Christian education.

HENRY C. LAY,
HENRY A. COIT,

In behalf of the Joint Committee.

While concurring most heartily in the greater part of the foregoing report, I respectfully dissent from some portions thereof relating to religious instruction in the public schools which are supported by the taxation of all citizens alike.

L. BRADFORD PRINCE.

APPENDIX X.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS.

THE committee to which was referred the subject of the appointment of Suffragan Bishops, and Bishops for Freedmen and Foreigners, beg leave respectfully to report that the resolution under which they were appointed contained a request that, having prepared their report, they should print the same, and send it as a private communication to each Bishop, at least three months before the session of the present General Convention. It will be seen that they have not complied with this request. It was difficult, if not impossible, for them to meet personally to consider the subject, so distant were their homes one from the other; and, had a correspondence been begun early, it would not have been easy to settle a question of such complexity in that manner; but the Chairman feels bound to acknowledge, that, from not adverting to the terms of the resolution, the correspondence actually entered into was commenced too late for any resolution to be matured before the meeting of the Convention. But, having met together and consulted, they have arrived at certain conclusions which they will submit to the House, with the reasons that have led to their adoption.

That the Church in this country, if it is to have an Episcopal government at all, requires more of Episcopal care, labour, and supervision than it now receives, and more than under our present system it can receive, this is a fact so apparent as to be, we imagine, undisputed. It would seem, then, quite clear that we must enlarge the number of Bishops, for them thoroughly and efficiently to perform even their present work, and still more, to enable them to keep pace with the rapid growth of the Church and of the country.

Then the question presents itself, How shall this be done? An obvious answer is, that it must be by dividing our Dioceses; and surely no one can doubt that this is the natural and proper remedy, whenever it can be applied without involving greater evils. But very often a Diocese, however large in territory, does not admit of being divided, because it cannot maintain two Bishops.

Every one among us is familiar with such cases; and the Constitution of the Church now requires that the General Convention shall not consent to the formation of a new Diocese within the limits of another, "until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese." There may, nay there then must, be cases in which the division of a Diocese is an impracticable remedy for insufficient Episcopal services. The same objection applies to the election of an Assistant Bishop; it may not be possible to provide adequately for his support.

Under the pressure of these difficulties, an escape has been sought by the adoption of a new measure of a very questionable character, both as regards its rightfulness and its expediency. That is, the excision of what are called "Missionary Jurisdictions" from existing Dioceses. But the right to mutilate Dioceses, by cutting out of them these so-called Missionary Jurisdictions, seems extremely doubtful, and the act may well

be an instance of mere lawless disfranchisement and spoliation. For example, in a large Diocese, there may be a region in which the parishes and congregations are feeble. They are, notwithstanding, entitled to the services of a Bishop, in whose election they have had a voice; who may have made himself dear to them as an affectionate friend, an edifying teacher, a safe and wise counsellor. If this region be cut off as a Missionary Jurisdiction, these congregations are to have, in place of their Bishop, a new man imposed on them by external authority, as to whom they have not been consulted; with whom they may have very little sympathy of feeling, or unity in theological convictions. They lose, at the same time, the share to which they are entitled in any endowments the Diocese may possess, such as an Episcopal Fund, a Missionary Fund, an Education Fund. And all this may be inflicted on them by an accidental majority in a convention which does not represent the deliberate judgment of the Diocese, and by a Bishop whose successors may deeply regret his course; and by the General Convention which acts, as it must act, with very little knowledge of the merits of the case, and necessarily on *ex parte* statements. The Bishop thus appointed, obeying the call of the Church in the spirit, we may believe, of self-sacrificing zeal, leaves a parish where he has been successful (for it is only from the ranks of successful Priests that Bishops ordinarily are chosen), he leaves a reluctant and attached congregation, and goes, perhaps across the continent, to a people who have not asked him to come among them, and for that very cause are more apt to question his doctrines, his habits, and even his manners. The burden of the Episcopal office is heavy enough, without adding this new weight to it, unless, indeed, there be an unavoidable necessity for thus encumbering it. And again, when these Jurisdictions strengthen and become Dioceses, they may decline the services of the Bishop whom they have not chosen, and prefer one whom they have themselves elected.

What, then, becomes of the Bishop who had been sent them? He is left a wreck stranded on the shore. But if this system is established, he will soon have companions, and we shall have among us a body of unattached Bishops,—of Bishops "*in partibus*,"—a class of persons more capable of producing discord and embroiling the Church than any other that can well be imagined as existing among us.

In the mean time what would be the effect on the Dioceses of establishing these Missionary Jurisdictions? Its effect will be to encourage them in laying on other people the duty which properly rests on themselves,—that of taking care of their feeble parishes, and of extending the blessings of the gospel to their neglected districts.

It would teach the members of the Church in the cities and towns and more populous regions of a Diocese that they need only provide for their own spiritual wants; that they may shake off their less-favoured brethren who dwell on the frontier, by excising their territory and converting it into a Missionary Jurisdiction, thus casting them upon the necessarily uncertain charity of those who are comparatively strangers; while, at the same time, the Churchmen of these Missionary Jurisdictions would be encouraged to believe that persons other than themselves are to maintain their Bishop and, to a great extent, their Clergy, while they are to have the privileges of the gospel without its duties. Surely this is to present a very peculiar phase of Christianity, much more in accordance with the secular spirit of our own day than with the religious temper of the early ages of the Church.

These are evils which attach to the system under consideration, when looked at in the light of principle. But if we regard it in its practical and economical aspect, it is scarcely more defensible.

We have a country with a population of more than forty millions of souls, the number rapidly increasing. Of this great multitude we have

reason to fear that a large part, perhaps the larger part, have a very insufficient sense of religious truth, and consequently of moral duty. The disclosures daily made of the state of society among us render this belief assured, however painful. Our work is, under God, to evangelize this mighty multitude, and, by God's help, to fit them to meet their Judge, whom they are not now fit to meet, and to give in their account, which they are not now prepared to give in. Our resources, both in men and means, for the performance of this work are lamentably scanty. It becomes, then, a high Christian duty to use our means most judiciously and most effectively.

We have now, we will say, a Bishop already presiding over a Diocese. He needs aid in feeding the flock already committed to his charge. Do we give him the aid that will avail him most by sending him another Bishop, or by sending him five or ten Presbyters? for the salary of a Bishop would sustain, with such additions as even poor congregations can supply, five or ten Presbyters. The choice, we must remark, is not between several Presbyters without a Bishop, on the one hand, and a Bishop without Presbyters or with fewer Presbyters, on the other. That is the question when the appointment of a domestic Missionary Bishop is before us. In that case we must have the Bishop, even if he be accompanied by very few Presbyters, for an Episcopal Church, *ex vi termini*, requires a Bishop. But in the case of these newly invented Missionary Jurisdictions, the question is not between a Bishop and no Bishop, but between a Bishop with a certain number of Clergy, and two Bishops with a much less number; the loss falling on the Missionary Jurisdiction itself, or being divided among the Missionary corps of the Church at large. And when the Church begins to look on the subject in this light, as it inevitably must do, the proposed system will, if adopted, tend very much to chill the zeal and lessen the contributions in behalf of our Domestic Missionary work, or to divert the gifts of the faithful into some other channel than that provided by the Church.

The committee distinctly recognize the validity of what has been already done in the way of forming Missionary Jurisdictions out of existing Dioceses. They do not wish, and no one it is presumed would wish, to see this undone; and the House of Bishops and the whole Church will agree with the committee in reckoning among the auspicious events of the last three years, the addition to our number of the respected and beloved brethren who preside over the Missionary Jurisdictions already formed. But it is to be hoped that there will be something of the same unanimity in determining that these questionable measures shall come to an end here and now.

If, then, we need more Bishops, as is certain, and the want cannot be entirely relieved by the division of Dioceses, or by the election of Assistant Bishops, as is also certain, and that want ought not to be relieved, as the committee maintain, by cutting off Missionary Jurisdictions from existing Dioceses, is the Church altogether helpless, and if not, what measure is left for it to adopt? The committee would answer, that the Church has at its command a resource which would entirely obviate these difficulties in the way of its expansion, which seems open to no weighty objection, and which has, to recommend it, the example of the polity of the Primitive Church,—that of the Church of England at the time of the Reformation, and that of the same Church in the present day; in short, of the Church in those eras when its energies were most vigorously and most beneficially exerted. That resource is the appointment of Suffragan Bishops. The phrase is used in two senses: first, as designating Bishops in the province of an Archbishop; as, *e. g.*, the Bishop of London is a Suffragan of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Such Suffragans have, and can have, no place in our system as it now is, or is likely soon to be.

The other class of Bishops called Suffragan have no Diocese, but exercise within the Dioceses of other Bishops a jurisdiction limited as to the area within which it is legalized, and also as to the functions which they who are invested with it are authorized to perform. In both these respects they differ from Assistant Bishops, and they differ from Missionary Bishops in that they execute their office within a Diocese, not in a territory separated from it. The result of these characteristics is, that a Suffragan Bishop of this sort can well be, and usually, if not universally, is, the rector of a parish, from which he mainly derives his support, and therefore, and to that extent, relieves Missionary funds from this obligation, and thereby facilitates their employment for the simple purpose of evangelization.

The only objection which the committee are aware of, that has been brought against this class of officials, is, that their appointment makes a distinction in the order of Bishops, and thereby prepares the way for a complicated hierarchy, and perhaps at length for a papacy. But is it not evident that the principle of this objection, if valid, would be fatal to some other things as well as to Suffragan Bishops? Would not a Presbyterian say that the same objection applies to Episcopacy in any form? Might he not say—does he not say to us?—"You Prelatists introduce disparity into the Ministry, and disparity will, and must, end in despotism; you make Bishops, and one of them will, sooner or later, make himself a Pope." And so the Congregationalist may say to the Presbyterian, "You break up the simplicity and homogeneity of the Church; you introduce a privileged order of Ministers, as distinct from the body of the faithful; you have taken the first step, perhaps the most decisive step, towards ecclesiastical autocracy; in the course of time one of these Ministers will make himself a Bishop, and when men have become reconciled to that, one of the Bishops will make himself a Pope."

But we are not convinced, or even made uneasy, by arguments of this sort.

We know that in this world of probation there are tendencies in the best things which, if not watched and checked, will lead to evil. Religious zeal, for example, has produced bloody wars, and even led to the horrors of the Inquisition; but we cannot on that account afford to discard and renounce religious zeal. Because a course, if persisted in to the last extremity, will injure us, it does not follow that, up to a certain point, that course may not be safe and wise. A man from the South, when he reaches New York, is not obliged to go on to Boston, and yet New York is, for him, on the way to Boston. A difference of jurisdiction in the office of Bishop does not make it necessary to have Archbishops, Patriarchs, or Popes.

And in point of fact, this difference of function and jurisdiction has always existed, and is apparently inevitable. Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy were all apostles, and yet there was a class of duties devolving on St. Paul which did not rest on the other two. The Bishop of Rome and the Bishop of Eugubium were equally Bishops, but with very different powers even when the former was guiltless of usurpation. The Bishop of Carthage and the Bishop of Hippo were equally Bishops, although the former had a superior jurisdiction over the latter, and that, too, when the latter was much the greater man, as he certainly was in one memorable instance. And so the Archbishop of Canterbury is no more a Bishop than his brother of Sodor and Man, different as their powers and functions are.

This objection, then, to Suffragan Bishops is extremely thin and airy. It rests on a mere theory; on an *a priori* speculation, not sustained, but distinctly contradicted by the facts.

The Church in her greatest purity, and in her greatest vigour, appointed

and employed Chorepiscopi, who were what we now call Suffragan Bishops. The Church of England, in her life-and-death struggle with Romanism at the time of the Reformation, called to her aid this class of Bishops. When she woke up, after the torpor of the last century, and began to pour forth her energies in bringing the wandering sheep of her own flock into the fold from which so many had strayed, and in sending her children into the darkest regions of the earth to subdue the heathen to the knowledge of Christ, while thus straining every nerve in her great work, she found it wise and expedient to revive the use of this class of Bishops.

It is not, indeed, too much to say, that the use of these is one mark of a Church earnestly engaged in its holy mission, and that the periods when they are found are the periods of vigorous protest against error, and of an onward movement of the army of the Great King. Moreover, in our circumstances, it ought not to be forgotten, that in having Suffragan Bishops we shall have a class of men who can assist us very much in the election of Diocesan Bishops. We shall have in them men of experience, men who have been tried, and whose qualifications are therefore known.

At present a Diocese, in electing a Bishop, has to make a very serious venture.

Attention is naturally directed to those who have become conspicuous and eminent as Presbyters. But the qualities which give a man distinction as a Presbyter, such qualities, *e. g.*, as eloquence, a pleasing address, graceful manners, conversational powers, and the like, though valuable in a Bishop, as indeed they are in any man, are yet not those most needed in that exceedingly responsible office.

Besides the devotion and conscientiousness which are expected in all Ministers, a Bishop should, if possible, be distinguished for soundness of judgment, insight into character, willingness and capacity for labour, patience, impartiality, gentleness of manner united with firmness of purpose. Yet a man may possess all these qualities and be very far from shining as a pulpit orator, while another, conspicuously deficient in them, may yet fill with admiring crowds every church in which he preaches. If we have Suffragan Bishops, we can judge by the manner in which they discharge their duties in that capacity, how far they are fitted for a wider sphere and a weightier responsibility.

In arriving at the conclusion which they have reached, that it is right and expedient to provide for the appointment of Suffragan Bishops, the committee feel that they have, in effect, replied to the other questions submitted to them. If Bishops be needed for congregations of persons speaking different languages from the English, or belonging to races distinct from the European, then those Bishops should be Suffragans. Otherwise we should have diversity of government in the same Diocese; diversity of interests, intensifying in many cases, no doubt, to antagonism; with no common head to appeal to, and with no common legislative body to lay down rules and remove grievances. To have independent Bishops in one Diocese is against the stream of Catholic teaching and practice, and would tend to generate divisions instead of unity, and to produce contention and strife in the place of the peace and the harmony which are now our glory and our happiness. With Suffragan Bishops, these evils would be avoided, for every Diocese would have its own Diocesan, with Assistant Bishop if need be, with Suffragans if necessary, and with its own Convention, in which men of every race and every language would be represented.

The committee, in conclusion, recommend to this House the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That it is expedient that provision be made for the appointment of Suffragan Bishops in this Church, in cases where they may be desired and needed.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take any action in regard to providing Bishops exclusively for persons of different races and tongues.

THOMAS ATKINSON.
J. WILLIAMS.

I dissent from so much of the reasoning of the report as relates to the setting off portions of Dioceses to be formed into Missionary Jurisdictions.

ALEX'R GREGG.

REPORT OF THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the subject committed to them under the resolution of the House of Bishops, deeply regret that they find themselves obliged to differ with their Right Reverend Brethren as to the result reached by the committee.

With much that is in the report we heartily agree, especially with the able argument against the cutting up of organized Dioceses into Missionary Jurisdictions. We respectfully differ as to the method of relief from acknowledged evils, and beg as respectfully to lay before the House our reasons for so differing.

Before entering, however, on these, we feel compelled to remark that one special aim and purpose of the resolution adopted by the House of Bishops on the 3d of November, 1874, has not been complied with, and that, strictly speaking, the committee are debarred making a report, because there has been no compliance with the conditions precedent, which that resolution requested. The committee were to consider the whole subject of extending the Episcopate by Suffragans, and to have their report prepared, printed, and distributed to each Bishop, three months before the assembling of the General Convention. This has not been done. In a body governed by strict parliamentary rules, such a report as is here offered would be thrown out, or referred back, with fresh instructions, or be intrusted to a new committee. We have stated this objection, not to ask you, on this account, to set aside this report; but to call your attention to the careful phraseology of the resolution on the one hand, and the non-compliance with the two specific requirements of that resolution on the other. We do it also to show, that by this action of the House of Bishops in 1874, the Bishops recognized the necessity of the most careful preliminary inquiry and publication as all important to a wise action upon it when the session of the General Convention should begin. As that required consideration, either by the committee or by the other Bishops, has not been given, which the judgment of the House then deemed expedient, does not the judgment of the House still require the most thoughtful and deliberate consideration of so grave a subject, and can the House be satisfied with such imperfect compliance with its own orders, and legislate upon such an imperfect report?

Waving, however, these points, though they might be most forcibly pressed, we find ourselves constrained to differ from the conclusions of our beloved colleagues for these reasons:—

1. Because of the peculiar character of the Suffragan Bishop.

This name Suffragan, derived from *Suffragari*, to help, was given originally to a class of Bishops consecrated to supply the place of a Bishop absent on the business of embassies, or on weighty affairs of the Church or Crown. Their duties, chiefly, were ordaining and confirming, but not as to grave matters of jurisdiction. Neither the name nor the office of

Suffragan is to be found in the history of the English Church before the Conquest.

The first trace of one seems to be A. D. 1240. But Lyndwood in his "Provinciale," written two hundred years later, commenting on one of Archbishop Peckham's Constitutions, says: "They were called Suffragans, because they were bound to give their suffrage and assistance to the Archbishop, being summoned to take part of his care, though not in the plenitude of his power." In this sense, all the City Bishops of any Province were anciently the Suffragans of the Metropolitan of that Province. It was not until the time of Henry VIII that the term was restricted to an order of Bishops differing from the Ancient Chorepiscopi, and from the Diocesan Bishop. By the 26 Henry VIII, cxiv, § 1, 1534, Suffragans as Assistants to Diocesan Bishops were permitted to be appointed to Suffragan Sees, which were to be towns, not cities, and which were specifically named, as Thetford, Ipswich, Dover, Guildford, Taunton, and others, to the number of twenty-six. While these were to be consecrated as other Bishops, none of them could do any Episcopal act, without the consent and permission of the Bishop of the city in whose Diocese he was placed.

Of these Suffragans, there are now in England three, taking their titles respectively from Nottingham, Dover, and Guildford.

These Suffragans are designated simply as the Right Reverend A. B., not as the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, etc. They have no seats in the House of Lords. They do not sit in the Upper Houses of Convocation with the Bishops of the Realm. They have their Sees in towns, not cities. They are chosen by the King, from two names sent in by the Bishop desiring a Suffragan. Their office is usually to confirm, ordain, dedicate churches, and the like, *i. e.*, to execute those things which pertain to the Episcopal office, but not as to jurisdiction and temporalities; and on the death of the Diocesan the commission given to the Suffragan is void, and it is renewed or not, according to the pleasure of his successor.

Suffragans, in this sense, did not form a part of the polity of the Primitive Church, as the majority report declares, for the Chorepiscopi, with which, in the popular mind, they are blended, were a class of Bishops, so named, as Bingham says, "not because they were '*ex choro sacerdotum*,' as Maurus says, but because they were Country Bishops, as the word properly signifies."

Although they have had a titular and legal existence in the Church of England since the reign of Henry VIII, yet only very occasionally have they been made; and, at the present day, with all the weighty pressure of duty upon the Diocesan Bishops, only three of the twenty-six Suffragan Sees are filled by Suffragan Bishops.

The subject came before our branch of the Church in 1814, when, amid a period of great excitement, Dr. Kemp was chosen Suffragan Bishop to Bishop Cleggett. The controversy which raged around that election caused the Bishops and Church legislators of that day to look very carefully into the subject. Accordingly, when in 1829 Dr. William Meade was chosen Assistant Bishop or Suffragan of Virginia (for that was the form which his election took), the papers concerning his election were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden (subsequently Bishop of South Carolina), the Rev. Mr. Hopkins (subsequently Bishop of Vermont), the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk (subsequently Bishop of New York), Judge Chambers, of Maryland, and Horace Binney, of Pennsylvania. This committee, consisting of such eminent jurists and canonists, men renowned for their legal acumen, profound wisdom, and sound churchmanship, gave to the topic their diligent attention. They reported back to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies "that the Diocese of Virginia seems to have thought fit to limit the period of Dr. Meade's Episcopal

authority to the lifetime of Bishop Moore, so that it is a possible event that on his decease the Diocese may deprive Dr. Meade of his jurisdiction by the election of some other individual, and thus introduce the case of a Bishop without a Diocese." Stating their apprehension of such a result in this or any similar instance, the various evils which your committee anticipate to the peace of the Church and the proper dignity and influence of the Episcopal order if such a limitation should be suffered to become a precedent, and the opinion entertained by several members of your committee, *that the true spirit of the Constitution would be violated by the consecration of a Bishop subject, in the very terms of his election, to be deprived of his jurisdiction without any fault on his part*, they add, "and hence they unanimously deprecate the introduction of such a limitation to the exercise of the Episcopal office, and deeply regret its adoption in the present instance." That House also declared that the condition attached to the resolution of the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia is deemed a *constitutional impediment*, on account of which his consecration ought not to take place. When the subject came before the House of Bishops, then consisting of Bishops White, Hobart, Griswold, Moore, of Virginia, Croes, Brownell, Ravenscroft, H. W. Onderdonk, and Meade, consecrated at that session, they made a declaration of the same tenor and force.

But the matter did not rest here, for a Canon was passed during the session of that Convention, entitled "Of Assistant Bishops," defining when and how they might be elected and consecrated. And to this Canon was added, in its final clause, this positive declaration: "No person shall be elected or consecrated a Suffragan Bishop."

This is the law of this Church to-day, — a law arising out of existing facts, framed after full deliberation by as wise and far-seeing a body of men as ever represented, or legislated for, our branch of the Church, and with words as direct and commanding as it is possible to put into canonical enactments. This emphatic decision has remained unchanged for nearly fifty years; not because no effort has been made to revoke it, but because it expresses, in terse and significant words, that sound and wise policy which this Church will not readily give up.

2. The undersigned object to this measure because it introduces a sort of Sub-Episcopate, inferior in power, in jurisdiction, and in privileges or rights. This measure would destroy that fundamental principle of the Protestant Episcopal Church which we hold to be both Scriptural and Apostolical, that all Bishops are coequal in all that pertains to their office and function as Bishops of the Church of God. Hence that jealous guarding, in 1829, of the rights of Assistant Bishops, when it was deemed necessary to concrete into that Canon the long-existing usage of this Church, from the day of the election of Dr. Benjamin Moore as Assistant to Bishop Provosst.

Prudential reasons, or natural and unavoidable conditions, may restrict the exercise of an Assistant Bishop's power in certain cases, but he has equal Episcopal authority, — equal right to a seat and vote in the House of Bishops, equal voice in the Diocesan and general legislation of the Church, and the inalienable right of succession to the Diocesan Episcopate. But the Suffragan Bishop being, in the very nature of his appointment, restricted in a variety of ways, would not and could not be on an equality with the Diocesan Bishop. Instead of having a Diocese or a Jurisdiction to himself, he would be only an under-overseer of a portion only of another man's Diocese. Instead of being invested in this section of a Diocese with full responsibility, he is under the supervision of another, to whom he is but a lieutenant. Instead of having a seat and vote in the House of Bishops, he is shut out from this House, and he is, by reason of the fact of his being a Bishop, equally shut out from the Lower House, and thus he would be debarred all participation in the legislative work of the Church.

He has no voice, either of consent or dissent, as to the consecration of any Bishop-elect. He can be suspended from his office at the mere will of the Diocesan, "until such time as he may be tried and a verdict rendered," which is in direct conflict with the Canon for the trial of Bishops; and from such suspension and trial he has no appeal. Such inequality, so obnoxious to the Scriptural and Apostolical principle of Episcopal parity, so jealously asserted and maintained by the wise Fathers of our Church, could not exist without creating confusion in the public mind, lowering the dignity of the office, and virtually establishing an order of Sub-Bishops; thus introducing a radical and revolutionary change in the entire system and polity of our Church.

A third objection is, that the election of such a Suffragan Bishop, if he be elected at all, and be not an appointee of the Diocesan or of the House of Bishops, is to be made by the District set apart as a Suffragan Bishopric, — a District not recognized either by our Constitution and Canons as eligible to elect a Bishop. Furthermore, the Bishop thus elected is to be consecrated under the provisions of our existing Canons, which are fully specified in Canon 15, Title I, Section ii. But should such Suffragan be afterward chosen Assistant or Diocesan Bishop, he is again required to present *the like testimonials*, and to go through the same forms of securing the consent of Standing Committees and Bishops as before; thus requiring what is not required of any other Bishop, — double testimonials of election and character from the majority of the Standing Committees and of the Bishops. When a Domestic Missionary Bishop is elected a Diocesan or Assistant Bishop, he is not required to present fresh *testimonials* from the Diocese electing, and the only question presented to the General Convention, if the said election takes place within three months of its session, or to the several Standing Committees and Bishops, if prior to these three months, is one simply *ratifying* the choice of said Missionary Bishop as Diocesan or Assistant Bishop, and consenting to said translation. Other objections, such as the invidiousness of remanding a portion of a Diocese to the oversight of an inferior Bishop, which may be also an unlawful violation of vested rights within that Diocese; the creation of sectional feuds and prejudices by breaking up a Diocese into Suffragan Bishoprics; the unavoidable election of men into this Sub-Episcopate with minor qualifications, simply because they happen to be Rectors of influential parishes within the District set off as a Suffragan Bishopric, and thus providing for their support; the jealousies and discords almost inevitable where two or three Bishops, not always perhaps in accord, are officiating in the same Diocese, dividing also the minds and hearts of Clergy and Laity, so that one shall say, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, — these are some of the reasons, at once cogent, constitutional, and canonical, which, in the judgment of the undersigned, deter them from acceding to the resolution appended to the report of the majority of this committee. The remedy for the evils complained of, and the provision for our need, are to be found in either of three ways: —

First. By the passage of the Canon (slightly modified) proposed by the Bishop of Maryland at the last session of the General Convention, and found on page 362 of the Journal of the same. This proposed Canon, even if it be open to objections, is in every respect preferable to the measure proposed by the majority of this committee; or

Second. By the sub-division of the larger Dioceses; or

Third. By a slight alteration of the present Canon, to wit, Section v, Canon 15, Title I, so as to add after the words "when a Bishop of the Diocese," the words "or Missionary Jurisdiction"; and after the word "Diocese" in the fifth line, to add "or Missionary Jurisdiction," the same change of phraseology to be made through the Canon.

Such an alteration of this Canon, with the addition of one or two safeguards, such, for example, as that said Assistant Missionary Bishop shall be eligible to election as Diocesan Bishop only in Dioceses created within his Missionary Jurisdiction; and also that when the Missionary Bishop shall become Diocesan Bishop, the Assistant shall succeed as full Missionary Bishop, etc. Such alterations and additions would, in the judgment of the undersigned, amply meet the present emergency and secure all desired ends; or

Fourth. By such further modifications of the Canon of Assistant Bishops as may be necessary to meet the needs referred to. The undersigned beg leave, therefore, to offer the following resolution:—

“That it is inexpedient to repeal the provision of Canon 15, Title I, of the Digest, which declares, ‘No person shall be elected or consecrated a Suffragan Bishop.’”

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BACON STEVENS.
THOMAS H. VAIL.

APPENDIX XII.

LETTERS OF CONSECRATION.

CII. — BISHOP PADDOCK.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the World, Greeting:—

Be it known unto you by these presents, that we, Benjamin Bosworth Smith, D.D., Bishop of Kentucky, Presiding Bishop and Consecrator; Alfred Lee, D.D., Bishop of Delaware; John Williams, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Connecticut; William Bacon Stevens, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania; Abram Newkirk Littlejohn, D.D., Bishop of Long Island; and Frederic Dan Huntington, D.D., Bishop of Central New York; under the protection of Almighty God, in Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, city of Brooklyn, and State of New York, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of September, being an Ember-day, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, in the presence of many of the clergy and laity of Massachusetts, Long Island, and other Dioceses, did then and there, according to the due and prescribed order of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, ordain and consecrate to the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, our well-beloved in Christ, Benjamin Henry Paddock, Priest, Doctor in Divinity, and Rector of Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, Diocese of Long Island, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, he having been duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

(Signed)	B. B. SMITH,	[L.S.]
	<i>Presiding Bishop.</i>	
	ALFRED LEE,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Delaware.</i>	
	JNO. WILLIAMS,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Connecticut.</i>	
	WM. BACON STEVENS,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Pennsylvania.</i>	
	ABRAM NEWKIRK LITTLEJOHN,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Long Island.</i>	
	F. D. HUNTINGTON,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Central New York.</i>	

CIII.—BISHOP LYMAN.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY
GHOST. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the World, Greeting:—

Be it known unto you by these presents, that we, William Rollinson Whittingham, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Maryland; Thomas Atkinson, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of North Carolina; and Henry Champlin Lay, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Easton; under the protection of Almighty God, on Thursday, the eleventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, in Christ Church, in the city of Raleigh, in the presence of divers of the Clergy and a public congregation, according to the due and prescribed order of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, did then and there consecrate our well-beloved in Christ, Theodore Benedict Lyman, D.D., Presbyter of the Diocese of California, and late Rector of Trinity Church, San Francisco, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we are fully ascertained, into the sacred office of a Bishop in the Church of God, he having been duly elected Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the city of Raleigh, the day and year above written.

(Signed)	WILLIAM ROLLINSON WHITTINGHAM, [L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Maryland, Consecrator.</i>
	THOMAS ATKINSON, [L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of North Carolina.</i>
	HENRY C. LAY, [L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Easton.</i>

CV.—BISHOP WELLES.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

To all the Faithful of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the World, Greeting:—

Be it known unto you that we, Benjamin Bosworth Smith, D.D., LL.D., by the grace of God, Bishop of Kentucky, Presiding Bishop of the Church in the United States of America, assisted by the Right Rev. Thomas Atkinson, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of North Carolina; the Right Rev. John Williams, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Connecticut; the Right Rev. Henry Benjamin Whipple, D.D., Bishop of Minnesota; and the Right Rev. Reginald Courtney, D.D., Lord Bishop of Kingston; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Thomas' Church, in the city of New York, Diocese of New York, on Sunday, the twenty-fifth day of October, being the twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, did then and there, in the presence of a congregation of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of New York, and of many other Dioceses, according to the due and prescribed order of the Church in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, ordain and consecrate our beloved in Christ, the Reverend Edward Randolph Welles, S.T.D., Rector of Christ Church, Redwing,

Minnesota, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the sacred office of a Bishop in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of God, he having been duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

Given under our hands and seals in the city of New York, on the day and in the year herein above written.

(Signed)	BENJAMIN BOSWORTH SMITH,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Kentucky, Consecrator.</i>	
	JOHN WILLIAMS,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Connecticut, Presenter.</i>	
	HENRY BENJAMIN WHIPPLE,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Minnesota, Presenter and Preacher.</i>	
	THOMAS ATKINSON,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of North Carolina.</i>	
	REGINALD COURTNEY,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Kingston.</i>	

CVIII.—BISHOP GARRETT.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the world, Greeting :—

Be it known unto you, that we, Robert Harper Clarkson, D.D., LL.D., by the grace of God, Bishop of Nebraska, and Missionary Bishop of Dakota; Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, S.T.D., by the grace of God, Missionary Bishop of Montana; William Hobart Hare, D.D., by the grace of God, Missionary Bishop of Niobrara; John Franklin Spaulding, D.D., by the grace of God, Missionary Bishop of Colorado; under the protection of Almighty God, in Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, Neb., on the fourth Sunday in Advent, being the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, did then and there, in the presence of divers of the Clergy, and of a public congregation, rightly and canonically consecrate our well-beloved in Christ, Alexander Charles Garrett, D.D., Presbyter of the Diocese of Nebraska, and Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the office of a Bishop of the Church of God, he having been duly elected Bishop of the Missionary District of Northern Texas.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

(Signed)	ROBT H. CLARKSON,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Nebraska and Missionary Bishop of Dakota.</i>	
	DAN'L S. TUTTLE,	[L.S.]
	<i>Missionary Bishop of Montana.</i>	
	WM. H. HARE,	[L.S.]
	<i>Missionary Bishop of Niobrara.</i>	
	JNO. F. SPAULDING,	[L.S.]
	<i>Missionary Bishop of Colorado.</i>	

CX. — BISHOP DUDLEY.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the World, Greeting:—

Be it known unto you that we, Benjamin Bosworth Smith, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Kentucky and Presiding Bishop; John Johns, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Virginia; William Bacon Stevens, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania; William Pinkney, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Maryland; and Isaac Helmuth, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Huron, Dominion of Canada; under the protection of Almighty God, on the Wednesday after the Sunday called Septuagesima, being the twenty-seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, in Christ Church, in the city of Baltimore, and State and Diocese of Maryland, in presence of divers of the Clergy and a public congregation, according to the due and prescribed order of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, did then and there consecrate our beloved in Christ, the Reverend Thomas Underwood Dudley, Doctor in Divinity, Rector of Christ Church, Baltimore, Maryland, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the sacred office of a Bishop in the Church of God, he having been duly elected Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky.

In testimony whereof we have affixed to these presents our Episcopal signatures and seals at Baltimore, on the day and year above written.

(Signed)

B. B. SMITH,	[L.S.]
<i>Presiding Bishop and Consecrator.</i>	
J. JOHNS,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Virginia.</i>	
WM. BACON STEVENS,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Pennsylvania.</i>	
WILLIAM PINKNEY,	[L.S.]
<i>Assistant Bishop of Maryland.</i>	
I. HURON,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Huron.</i>	

CXI. — BISHOP SCARBOROUGH.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

To the Faithful of the One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church throughout the World, Greeting:—

Be it known to you, that we, Horatio Potter, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Oxon., by the grace of God, Bishop of New York; assisted by the Right Reverend William Bacon Stevens, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania; and the Right Rev. John Barrett Kerfort, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pittsburgh; and the Right Rev. Abram Newkirk Littlejohn, D.D., Bishop of Long Island; and the Right Rev. William Crosswell Doane, D.D., Bishop of Albany; and the Right Rev. Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, D.D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania; and the Right Rev. Benjamin Henry Paddock, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, on the

Feast of the presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called the Purification of St. Mary, The Virgin, being the Tuesday after Sexagesima Sunday, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, did then and there, in the presence of a congregation of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of New Jersey, and of many other Dioceses, according to the due and prescribed order of the Church, in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, ordain and consecrate our beloved in Christ, John Scarborough, Doctor of Divinity, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the sacred office of a Bishop in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of God, he having been duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Given under our hands and seals in the city of Burlington, and State of New Jersey aforesaid, and on the day and in the year herein above written.

(Signed)	HORATIO POTTER,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of New York, and Consecrator.</i>	
	WM. BACON STEVENS,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Pennsylvania.</i>	
	JOHN B. KERFORT,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Pittsburgh.</i>	
	ABRAM NEWKIRK LITTLEJOHN,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Long Island.</i>	
	WM. CROSWELL DOANE,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Albany.</i>	
	M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.</i>	
	BENJ. H. PADDOCK,	[L.S.]
	<i>Bishop of Massachusetts.</i>	

CXII. — BISHOP GILLESPIE.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the world, Greeting : —

Be it known unto you by these presents, that we, Samuel Allen McCoskry, D.D., D.C.L., Oxon., Bishop of Michigan; assisted by Joseph Cruickshank Talbot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Indiana; William Henry Augustus Bissell, D.D., Bishop of Vermont; Charles Franklin Robertson, D.D., Bishop of Missouri; Benjamin Henry Paddock, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts; Edward Randolph Welles, D.D., Bishop of Wisconsin; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Mark's Church, city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of February, being St. Matthias' Day, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, in the presence of many of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and other Dioceses, did then and there, according to the due and prescribed order of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, ordain and consecrate to the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, our well-beloved in Christ, George De Normandie Gillespie, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, Diocese of Michigan, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, he having been duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

(Signed)	SAM'L A. McCOSKRY,	<i>Bishop of Michigan.</i>	[L.S.]
	JOSEPH C. TALBOT, D.D., LL.D.,	<i>Bishop of Indiana.</i>	[L.S.]
	WILLIAM HENRY AUGUSTUS BISSELL,	<i>Bishop of Vermont.</i>	[L.S.]
	CHARLES FRANKLIN ROBERTSON,	<i>Bishop of Missouri.</i>	[L.S.]
	BENJAMIN H. PADDOCK,	<i>Bishop of Massachusetts.</i>	[L.S.]
	EDW. RANDOLPH WELLES,	<i>Bishop of Wisconsin.</i>	[L.S.]

CXIII. — BISHOP JAGGAR.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the world, Greeting: —

Know all men by these presents, that we, Benjamin Bosworth Smith, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky, Presiding Bishop; Alfred Lee, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware; Horatio Potter, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of New York; William Wolrond Jackson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Antigua; William Bacon Stevens, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; Abraham Newkirk Littlejohn, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island; William Woodruff Niles, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire; and William Hobart Hare, Missionary Bishop of Niobrara; under the protection of Almighty God, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, and in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, the Reverend Thomas Augustus Jaggar, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in the city of Philadelphia, of whose sufficiency, good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, unto the office of a Bishop in the Church of God, to which he hath been elected by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Given in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, and in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, this twenty-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

(Signed)	B. B. SMITH,	<i>Presiding Bishop.</i>	[L.S.]
	HORATIO POTTER,	<i>Bishop of New York.</i>	[L.S.]
	WM. BACON STEVENS,	<i>Bishop of Pennsylvania.</i>	[L.S.]
	WILLIAM WOODRUFF NILES,	<i>Bishop of New Hampshire.</i>	[L.S.]
	ALFRED LEE,	<i>Bishop of Delaware.</i>	[L.S.]
	WILLIAM WOLROND JACKSON, D.D.,	<i>Lord Bishop of Antigua.</i>	[L.S.]
	ABRAHAM NEWKIRK LITTLEJOHN, D.D.,	<i>Bishop of Long Island.</i>	[L.S.]
	WILLIAM HOBART HARE,	<i>Missionary Bishop of Niobrara.</i>	[L.S.]

CXIV.—BISHOP McLAREN.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the world, Greeting:—

Be it known unto you by these presents, that we, Samuel A. McCoskry, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Oxon., Bishop of Michigan; Gregory T. Bedell, D.D., Bishop of Ohio; Henry Benjamin Whipple, D.D., Bishop of Minnesota; Joseph Cruickshank Talbot, D.D., Bishop of Indiana; assisted by Robert H. Clarkson, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Nebraska; John Franklin Spaulding, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Colorado; Edward Randolph Welles, S.T.D., Bishop of Wisconsin; and George D. Gillespie, D.D., Bishop of Western Michigan; under the protection of Almighty God, in the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, in the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, and Diocese of Illinois, on the Wednesday after the second Sunday in Advent, being the eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, in the presence of divers of the Clergy and of the faithful Laity, in a public congregation, according to the due and established order of the Holy Catholic Church, and to the form and manner prescribed and used by the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, did then and there rightly and canonically ordain and consecrate our well-beloved in Christ, William Edward McLaren, S.T.D., late Presbyter of the Diocese of Ohio, and Rector of Trinity Church, Cleveland, in the said Diocese of Ohio, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the sacred office of a Bishop in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of God, he having been duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals in the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, in the aforesaid city of Chicago, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

(Signed)

SAMUEL A. MCCOSKRY,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Michigan.</i>	
G. T. BEDELL,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Ohio.</i>	
HENRY BENJ. WHIPPLE,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Minnesota.</i>	
JOS. C. TALBOT,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Indiana.</i>	
ROBERT H. CLARKSON,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Nebraska.</i>	
JOHN FRANKLIN SPAULDING,	[L.S.]
<i>Missionary Bishop of Colorado.</i>	
EDW. RANDOLPH WELLES,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Wisconsin.</i>	
GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,	[L.S.]
<i>Bishop of Western Michigan.</i>	

CXV. — BISHOP BROWN.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

To all the Faithful of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the world, Greeting:—

Be it known unto you, that we, Horatio Potter, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Oxon., by the grace of God, Bishop of New York; assisted by the Right Reverend William Henry Augustus Bissell, D.D., Bishop of Vermont; and the Right Reverend William Croswell Doane, D.D., Bishop of Albany; as also by the Right Reverend William Woodruff Niles, D.D., Bishop of New Hampshire; and the Right Reverend Benjamin Henry Paddock, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts; and the Right Reverend Edward Randolph Welles, D.D., Bishop of Wisconsin; and the Right Reverend John Scarborough, D.D., Bishop of New Jersey; under the Protection of Almighty God, in St. John's Church, Cohoes, Diocese of Albany, in the State of New York, on Wednesday, after the third Sunday in Advent, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, did then and there, in the presence of a congregation of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Albany, and of many other Dioceses, according to the due and prescribed order of the Church in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, ordain and consecrate our beloved in Christ, the Reverend John Henry Hobart Brown, S.T.D., Rector of the said St. John's Church, Cohoes, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the sacred office of a Bishop in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of God; he having been duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac.

Given under our hands and seals, in the city of Cohoes, and State of New York aforesaid, and on the day and in the year herein above written.

(Signed)

HORATIO POTTER, [L.S.]
Bishop of New York and Consecrator.

W. H. A. BISSELL, [L.S.]
Bishop of Vermont.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE, [L.S.]
Bishop of Albany and Presenter.

EDW. RANDOLPH WELLES, [L.S.]
Bishop of Wisconsin and Preacher.

BENJ. H. PADDOCK, [L.S.]
Bishop of Massachusetts and Presenter.

WM. WOODRUFF NILES, [L.S.]
Bishop of New Hampshire.

JOHN SCARBOROUGH, [L.S.]
Bishop of New Jersey.

CXVI. — BISHOP PERRY.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY
GHOST. AMEN.

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the world, Greeting:—

Be it known unto you and unto all men, by these presents, that we, William Bacon Stevens, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, and presiding; Ashton Oxenden, D.D., Lord Bishop of Montreal, and Metropolitan; Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Western New York; John Barrett Kerfoot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pittsburgh; and William Henry Augustus Bissell, D.D., Bishop of Vermont; and ministering under the protection of Almighty God, in Trinity Church, Geneva, in the State of New York, and in the Diocese of Western New York, on Sunday, September 10, being the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, did then and there, in the presence of divers of the Clergy and a congregation of the Faithful, according to the due and prescribed order of the Church and in conformity with the Canons thereof, consecrate our beloved in Christ, William Stevens Perry, D.D., LL.D., Priest of the Diocese of Western New York, President of Hobart College, and Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, New York, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, unto the sacred office of a Bishop in the Church of God, he having been duly and canonically elected by unanimous action of the Convention of the Diocese thereof, Bishop of Iowa.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, in Trinity Church, Geneva, New York, as aforesaid, and on the day and in the year herein above written.

(Signed)

WM. BACON STEVENS, [L.S.]
Bishop of Pennsylvania, and Presiding.

A. MONTREAL (Metropolitan), [L.S.]

A. CLEVELAND COXE, [L.S.]
Bishop of Western New York.

JOHN B. KERFOOT, [L.S.]
Bishop of Pittsburgh.

W. H. A. BISSELL, [L.S.]
Bishop of Vermont.

APPENDIX XIII.

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ADOPTED AT A GENERAL CONVENTION, 1877.

We do hereby certify that the following are the changes made in the Constitution and Canons by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, held in the city of Boston, in the month of October, A. D. 1877.

J. WILLIAMS,	} Committee on the part of the House of Bishops.
<i>Bishop of Connecticut.</i>	
WILLIAM BACON STEVENS,	}
<i>Bishop of Pennsylvania.</i>	

MORGAN DIX,	} Committee on the part of the House of Deputies.
FRANCIS HARISON,	

CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Article 8 of the Constitution is amended so as to read as follows :—

A Book of Common Prayer, Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, Articles of Religion, and a Form and Manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, when established by this or a future General Convention, shall be used in the Protestant Episcopal Church in those Dioceses which shall have adopted this Constitution. No alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer, or other Offices of the Church, or the Articles of Religion, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every Diocese, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention. *Provided, however,* That the General Convention shall have power, from time to time, to amend the Lectionary; but no act for this purpose shall be valid which is not voted for by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.

CHANGES IN THE CANONS.

Title I. — CANON 15.

Clause [4] of Section vii of Canon 15 of Title I is amended so as to read as follows:—

[4.] The jurisdiction of this Church extending in right, though not always in form, to all persons belonging to it within the United States, it is hereby enacted that each Missionary Bishop shall have jurisdiction over the clergy in the district assigned him; and in case a presentment and trial of a Clergyman become proper, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee appointed by the Missionary Bishop as is hereinafter provided for may make presentment; and the trial shall take place according to the Constitution and Canons of any Diocese of this Church which may have been selected by the said Missionary Bishop at the time of the appointment of such Standing Committee: *Provided*, that the Court shall be composed of at least three Presbyters, excluding the members of the Standing Committee and the accused. And if there be not a sufficient number of qualified Presbyters within his jurisdiction, the said Missionary Bishop may call to his aid Presbyters of any Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction sufficiently near.

Title II. — CANON 4.

Canon 4 of Title II is amended so as to read as follows:—

Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations, and of the Dissolution of a Pastoral Connection.

§ i. A Rector, canonically elected and in charge, or an Instituted Minister, may not resign his Parish without consent of the said Parish or its Vestry (if the Vestry be authorized to act in the premises); nor may such Rector or Minister be removed therefrom by said Parish or Vestry against his will, except as hereinafter provided.

§ ii. In case any urgent reason or reasons should occasion a wish in a Rector or Minister as aforesaid, or in the Parish committed to his charge, to bring about a separation and a dissolution of all pastoral relation between such Minister and Parish, and the parties be not agreed in respect of such separation and dissolution, notice of such desire and disagreement may be given by either party to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, in writing. And in case of any difference between the Minister and Parish or Vestry as aforesaid, which may not be satisfactorily settled by the godly judgment of the Bishop alone, or which he may decline to consider without counsel, the Bishop (or if the Diocese be vacant, any Bishop selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority), acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, or with that of the Presbyters only of said Standing Committee (if both parties shall assent to such limitation in writing), shall be the ultimate arbiter and judge; and refusal to accept and comply with the arbitration and judgment on the part of the Minister aforesaid, shall not work a continuance of lawful and canonical Rectorship or settlement beyond the date fixed, conditionally or otherwise, for its termination by such arbitration and judgment, should such termination be recommended and required; but such pastoral connection shall, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, cease and terminate as therein required. But such refusal shall subject the Minister so refusing to inhibition by the Bishop aforesaid from all ministerial offices and functions within the Dio-

cese or Missionary Jurisdiction; and such refusal on the part of a Parish shall disqualify it from representation in the Convention of the Diocese until it shall have been declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority to have given satisfactory guarantees for the acceptance of and compliance with the arbitration and judgment.

§ iii. In case of the regular and canonical dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his congregation, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his Congregation be not regular or canonical, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall lay the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above-mentioned penalties may take effect.

§ iv. This Canon shall not be in force in any Diocese which has made, or shall hereafter make provision by Canon upon this subject, nor in any Diocese with whose laws or charters it may interfere.

Title II. — CANON 5.

Canon 5 of Title II is amended so as to read as follows:—

Of Renunciation of the Ministry.

§ i. If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare, in writing, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to which he belongs, his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority to record the declaration so made; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, of any Bishop who, being requested by the Standing Committee, shall consent to act in the matter, to depose such person from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or more Clergymen, that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry of this Church. *Provided, however,* That if the Bishop shall be satisfied that the person so declaring is not amenable for any canonical offence, and that his renunciation of the Ministry is not occasioned by foregoing misconduct or irregularity, but is voluntary and for causes assigned or known, which do not affect his moral character, he shall so declare in pronouncing and recording said deposition, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so deposed; and he shall also give due notice of such deposition from the Ministry to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church, in the form in which the same is recorded.

§ ii. If the Ecclesiastical Authority shall have reason to believe that the person so declaring has acted hastily and unadvisedly, action on such declaration may be postponed for the space of not more than six months, during which time such person may withdraw his application.

§ iii. If the Ecclesiastical Authority, to whom such declaration is made, shall have ground to suppose that the person making the same is liable to presentment for any canonical offence, such person may, in the discretion of the said Ecclesiastical Authority, be put upon trial for such offence, notwithstanding such declaration of renunciation of the Ministry.

Title II. — CANON 6.

Section ii of Canon 6 of Title II is amended so as to read as follows:—

§ ii. And if such declaration be not made within six months, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to depose said Minister from the

Ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or more Presbyters, that he has been so deposed: *Provided*, nevertheless, that if the Minister so renouncing shall transmit to the Bishop receiving the certificate a retraction of the acts or declarations constituting his offence, the Bishop may, at his discretion, abstain from any further proceedings.

Title II. — CANON 10.

Section ii of Canon 10 of Title II is amended so as to read as follows:—

§ ii. [1.] When any Minister is deposed from the Holy Ministry, he is deposed therefrom entirely, and not from a higher to a lower Order in the same; and whenever a Minister shall be deposed, the Bishop who pronounces sentence shall, without delay, give notice thereof to every Minister and Vestry in the Diocese, and also to all the Bishops of this Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee; and the notice shall specify under what Canon the said Minister has been deposed.

[2.] Deposition, displacing, and all like expressions are the same as degradation.

Title II. — CANON 11.

Section ii of Canon 11 of Title II is amended so as to read as follows:—

§ ii. A Bishop of this Church may, for reasons which he shall deem sufficient, remit and terminate any sentence of deposition or degradation pronounced by him upon a Presbyter or Deacon; but he shall exercise this power only upon the following conditions:—

First, That he shall act with the unanimous advice and consent of his Standing Committee.

Second, That he shall first submit his proposed action, with his reasons therefor, to the judgment of five of the Bishops of this Church, whose Dioceses or Missionary Jurisdictions are nearest to his own, and shall receive in writing, from at least four of said Bishops, their approval of the said remission and their consent thereto.

Third, That before remitting such sentence he shall require the person to be restored to the Ministry to subscribe the declaration set forth in Article 7 of the Constitution.

Fourth, That in case such person was deposed for abandoning the Communion of this Church, or having been deposed by reason of his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, or for other cause, he have also abandoned its Communion, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be satisfied that such person has lived in lay-communion with this Church for three years next preceding his application for such remission; and,

Fifth, That in case the person applying for such remission shall reside out of the Diocese or Missionary District in which he was deposed, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be furnished with written evidence of the approval of such application by the Bishop of the Diocese or District in which such person resides.

Title II. — CANON 13.

Canon 13 of Title II is amended so as to read as follows:—

Of Marriage and Divorce.

§ i. If any persons be joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

§ ii. No Minister, knowingly after due inquiry, shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has a divorced husband or wife still living, if such husband or wife has been put away for any cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again.

§ iii. If any Minister of this Church shall have reasonable cause to doubt whether a person desirous of being admitted to Holy Baptism, or to Confirmation, or to the Holy Communion, has been married otherwise than as the Word of God and discipline of this Church allow, such Minister, before receiving such person to these ordinances, shall refer the case to the Bishop for his godly judgment thereupon. *Provided, however,* That no Minister shall, in any case, refuse the Sacraments to a penitent person in imminent danger of death.

§ iv. Questions touching the facts of any case arising under Section ii of this Canon shall be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction in which the same may occur; or if there be no Bishop of such Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, then to some Bishop to be designated by the Standing Committee; and the Bishop to whom such questions have been so referred shall thereupon make inquiry in such manner as he shall deem expedient, and shall deliver his judgment in the premises.

§ v. This Canon, so far as it affixes penalties, does not apply to cases occurring before it takes effect according to Canon 4, Title IV.

Title III. — CANON 1.

Clause [3] of Section ii of Canon 1 of Title III is amended so as to read as follows:—

[3.] It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to procure a proper and sufficient book of record, and to enter therein a record of the Consecrations of all the Bishops of this Church, designating accurately the time and place of the same, with the names of the Consecrating Bishops, and of others present and assisting; to have the same authenticated in the fullest manner now practicable; and to take care for the similar record and authentication of all future Consecrations in this Church, by securing in person, or by deputy, at the time and place of every such Consecration, a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding, and by two or more of the Bishops assisting in the said Consecration, which certificate shall be entered in the said book of record under the attestation of a Notary Public, and also placed on file.

Title III. — CANON 5.

Clause [11] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III is amended so as to read as follows:—

[11.] No Clergyman shall be allowed to take charge of such Congregation until he shall have been nominated by the Vestry thereof (or, if there be no such Vestry, by the Standing Committee, provided for by this Canon), and approved by the Bishop in charge; and when such appointment shall have been accepted by the Clergyman so appointed, he shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bishop in charge.

Clause [12] of Section iii of Canon 5 of Title III is repealed.

Title III. — CANON 9

Canon 9 of Title III is amended so as to read as follows : —

Of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

§ i. The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows : —

Constitution of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as established in 1820, and since amended at various times.

ARTICLE I. This institution shall be denominated The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

ARTICLE III. There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church, and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of this Church, Bishops and Deputies sitting apart as in General Convention, or together when they shall so decide. The Board of Missions thus constituted shall convene on the third day of the session of the General Convention, and shall sit from time to time as the business of the Board shall demand.

ARTICLE IV. There shall be a Board of Managers, comprising all the Bishops as members *ex officio*, and fifteen Presbyters and fifteen laymen, to be appointed by the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, who shall have the management of the General Missions of this Church, and shall remain in office until their successors are chosen, and shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number. Eight Clerical members and eight Lay members shall constitute a quorum. This Board of Managers shall, during the recess of the Convention, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Board of Managers shall report to the General Convention, constituted as a Board of Missions, on or before the third day of the session of the General Convention. But nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any surviving life-members of the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE V. The Board of Managers is authorized to form, from its own members, a Committee for Domestic Missions and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other Committees as it may deem desirable to promote special Missionary work, and is also authorized to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Managers is intrusted with power to establish and regulate such Missions as are not placed under Episcopal supervision, and to enact all by-laws which it may deem necessary for its own government and for the government of its Committees: *provided, always*, that in relation to organized Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions having Bishops, the appropriations shall be made in gross to such Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, to be disbursed by the local authorities thereof. The Board shall notify to the several Bishops the gross sums so appropriated; and those Bishops shall regulate the number of Mission Stations, appoint the Missionaries and assign to them their stipends, with the approval of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII. No person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not

at the time a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of regular standing; but nothing in this section precludes the Committees from making pecuniary appropriations in aid of Missions under the care of other Churches in communion with this Church, or of employing laymen or women, members of this Church, to do Missionary work.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers is authorized to promote the formation of auxiliary Missionary Associations, whose contributions, as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid in accordance with the wish of the donors, when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public Missionary meetings, to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all auxiliaries approved by the Board of Managers may send one Clerical and one Lay Delegate.

ARTICLE IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the General Convention of this Church.

§ ii. All Canons, and all action by or under the authority of the General Convention, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon and of such amended Constitution, are hereby repealed; *provided, however*, that nothing herein shall in any manner impair or affect any corporate rights of the said Society, or any vested right whatever.

§ iii. This Canon shall take effect immediately.

Title IV. — CANON 2.

Canon 2 of Title IV is amended so as to read as follows:—

Of the Enactment, Amendment, and Repeal of Canons.

§ i. In all cases of future enactment, the same, if by way of amendment of an existing provision, shall be in the following form: "Title —, Canon —, Section —, Clause —, is hereby amended so as to read as follows." And if the enactment is of an additional Clause, Section, or Canon, it shall be designated as the next Canon or next Section, or next Clause of a Canon or Section, in the order of numbering of the Title to which the subject properly belongs; and if a Canon or Section or Clause be stricken out, the existing numbering shall be retained until a new edition of the Canons be directed, or until changed as in the next Section provided.

§ ii. The Committee on Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each Session of the General Convention, appoint two of their number to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary, who shall print the same in the Journal.

A true copy, *Attest*:

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,
Secretary of the House of Deputies.

APPENDIX XIV.

RULES OF ORDER. — HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

Adopted 1859. Amended 1862, 1868, 1871, 1874, and 1877.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

1. THE House shall meet for business immediately after the opening Divine Services of the General Convention, and shall be called to order by the Presiding Bishop, or, in his absence, by the Senior Bishop present.

2. Any Bishop appearing in the House of Bishops for the first time after his consecration shall then be presented to the President by one or more Bishops, and if such be present, by one or more Bishops who took part in his consecration.

3. The Roll of Members shall be called by the Secretary, or the Assistant Secretary of the session of the House last preceding, or, in their absence, by a Secretary appointed *pro tem*.

4. The House shall then proceed to elect a Secretary. If but one candidate be nominated, the election shall be *viva voce*. If more than one, by ballot.

5. With the approbation of the Presiding Officer, the Secretary may, at any period of the session, appoint an Assistant Secretary.

DAILY ORDER.

I. Attendance, with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, on the Morning Service of the Church.

II. The House shall meet for business one hour after the hour appointed for the said Morning Service, unless otherwise ordered at the previous adjournment. When the President shall have taken the chair, new members may be introduced, as on the first day. The roll shall then be called, after which the House shall be bidden to prayer by the President. The minutes of the last meeting shall then be read by the Secretary, and acted upon by the House.

III. On the second day of the session, after prayers, the Presiding Bishop shall lay before the House a statement of his official acts during the recess of the General Convention.

IV. The business of the House shall be disposed of in the order following: —

a Communications from the President.

b Petitions and Memorials.

c Messages from the House of Deputies not yet disposed of.

d Reports from Standing Committees, in the order in which the Committees are named in the First General Rule.

e Reports from Special Committees.

f Miscellaneous business.

V. The Order of the Day shall be taken up at the hour appointed, unless postponed by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare and place upon the table in front of his desk, each morning after the opening of the House, a Calendar of all Orders of the Day not yet discharged.

VI. Bishops invited to honorary seats may be introduced to the President whenever no other business occupies the House.

GENERAL RULES.

I. As an indication of our humble dependence upon the Word and Spirit of God, and following the example of Primitive Councils, a copy of the Holy Scriptures shall always be reverently placed in view at the meetings of this House.

II. The committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered. The Bishop first named on the committee shall act as its chairman. The standing committees, to be announced not later than the third day of the session, shall be as follows:—

1. On the Admission of New Dioceses.
2. On Consecration of Bishops.
3. On Amendments to the Constitution.
4. On Canons.
5. On the General Theological Seminary.
6. On Domestic Missions.
7. On Foreign Missions.
8. On the Prayer Book.
9. On Memorials and Petitions.
10. On Unfinished Business.
11. On Despatch of Business.
12. On Christian Education.
13. A Committee to prepare a Pastoral Letter; of which Committee the Presiding Bishop shall be chairman.

Each of these Committees shall consist of not more than five nor less than three members, at the discretion of the President.

III. No memorial, petition, or address shall come before this House, unless presented by the President, or some other Bishop present.

IV. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the House until seconded.

V. Members in discussion shall address the Chair, and shall confine themselves to the point in debate. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

VI. Every member present shall, on a division, be counted, unless personally interested in the question to be decided. When, in taking a question, the President's vote produces a tie, the motion shall be considered as lost.

VII. The ayes and nays may be required by any three members, and shall in such cases be entered on the Journal.

VIII. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay upon the table and adjourn shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

IX. On motion, duly put and carried, the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, when a Chairman of the same shall be elected. The Junior Bishop present shall act as Clerk of the Committee, and make a record of its action.

X. Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received,

of course, and without motion, for acceptance, unless recommitted by vote of the House. Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House shall be accompanied by specific resolutions.

XI. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair without debate, but appeal may be taken from such decision. On such appeal no member shall speak more than once without express leave of the House.

XII. Amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made. No after-amendment to such second amendment shall be in order, but a substitute for the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject differing from the one under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

XIII. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session of the Convention, except with the consent of two thirds of the House. A motion to reconsider can only be made by one who voted with the majority on the previous determination of the question.

XIV. Messages from the House of Deputies shall be handed by the Secretary of this House to the President, to be laid before the House as early as may be convenient. Committees from the House of Deputies shall be admitted immediately.

XV. The Committee on Despatch of Business shall, each day, before the adjournment of the House, report any action of the House of Deputies which is liable to acquire the effect of law without the concurrence of this House.

XVI. Two of the Bishops shall be appointed by the Chair to act with the Secretary in preparing daily reports of the action of this House, and furnishing them, at their discretion, to public journalists.

XVII. Bishops admitted to honorary seats shall be conducted to the seats assigned to them by the Bishops who introduce them; and, except when privileged business is before the House, or when this House resolves itself into a Council of Bishops, shall at all times be entitled to be present.

XVIII. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

XIX. These Rules shall be in force, in subsequent sessions of this House, until otherwise ordered.

STANDING ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

Adopted 1832. Amended 1877.

1. The Senior Bishop of the Church present at any General Convention is the Presiding Bishop in the House of Bishops.

2. The Senior Bishop of this Church is the Presiding Bishop for all other purposes contained in the Canons.

3. The Senior Bishop of this Church present at any Consecration of a Bishop is the Presiding Bishop of that solemnity, unless some other Bishop shall have been assigned to such service, on any special occasion, by the Presiding Bishop.

4. Seniority among the Bishops is according to the time of the Consecration of each Bishop.

APPENDIX XV.

RULES OF ORDER.—HOUSE OF DEPUTIES.

ADOPTED on the third day of the session, October 9, 1874. Amended on the fifteenth day, October 23, 1874, and on the third and fifth days of the session, October 5 and 8, 1877.

CHARLES L. HUTCHINS, *Secretary*.

§ 1 of Canon I of Title III of the Digest.

[4.] The Rules and Orders of the House of Deputies shall be in force in the ensuing General Convention until the organization thereof, and until they be amended or repealed by the said House.

1. The daily sessions of this House shall be opened with the Morning Service of the Church.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

3. When the President shall have taken the chair, the Roll of Members shall be called, and the Minutes of the preceding day read; but the same may be dispensed with by a majority of the House.

4. At the opening of the session, the President shall appoint the following Standing Committees to wit:—

I. On the State of the Church, to consist of one member from each Diocese; and

II. On the General Theological Seminary.

III. On the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

IV. On the Admission of New Dioceses.

V. On the Consecration of Bishops.

VI. On Amendments to the Constitution.

VII. On Canons.

VIII. On Expenses.

IX. On Unfinished Business.

X. On Elections.

XI. On the Prayer Book.

XII. On Christian Education; and

XIII. On Memorials of Deceased Members.

Each to consist of thirteen members.

5. The Daily Order of Business shall be as follows:—

I. Reading the Minutes.

II. Communications from the President.

III. Reports from Standing Committees, in the following order:—

1. On Elections.

2. On the Admission of New Dioceses.

3. On the Consecration of Bishops.

4. On Amendments to the Constitution.

5. On Canons.

6. On the General Theological Seminary.
7. On the State of the Church.
8. On Expenses.
9. On the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.
10. On the Prayer Book.
11. On Christian Education.
12. On Unfinished Business.
13. On Memorials of Deceased Members; and
14. Special Committees in the order of appointment.
- IV. Petitions and Memorials.
- V. Motions and Resolutions.
- VI. Business on the Calendar.

6. The Secretary shall keep a Calendar of Business, on which reports from committees, resolutions which lie over, and other matters undisposed of, shall be placed in the order in which they are presented.

7. At twelve o'clock, unless there be an Order of the Day, or as soon thereafter as the Order of the Day shall be disposed of, the business on the Calendar shall be taken up and disposed of, in the order in which it stands thereon; and a vote of two thirds of the members present shall be required to take up any matter out of its order on the Calendar.

8. The House shall proceed to the Order of the Day at twelve o'clock precisely, unless dispensed with by a vote of two thirds of all the members present.

9. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, presented to the Secretary, and by him read to the House; and no motion shall be considered before the House unless seconded.

10. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided, at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

11. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, or to amend it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. If a motion to lay on the table an amendment be carried, the matter before the House shall be proceeded with as if no such amendment had been offered. The motions to lay upon the table and to adjourn shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

12. There shall be no debate upon a resolution which proposes to refer any matter to a Committee, or upon a motion to recommit any subject which has been before a Committee. But the member who offers such a resolution or motion may speak five minutes for the purpose of explaining its object. And if objection be made to the consideration of a resolution designed for the action of the House, without reference to a Committee, it shall lie over, and come up the next day as unfinished business. But by a vote of two thirds of the members present, the House may at once consider the resolution. All messages from the House of Bishops communicating any legislative action on their part, shall, without debate, be referred to the proper Committee.

13. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made. No after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order; but when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from the one under consideration shall be received under color of an amendment or substitute.

14. In all questions decided numerically, the motion to reconsider must be made by one Deputy, and seconded by another who voted in the ma-

majority; or, in case of equal division, by those who voted in the negative; and in case of a vote by Orders, where there is a concurrence of both Orders, a motion to reconsider shall be made by a majority of a Deputation from any Diocese of either Order voting in the majority; and in case of a non-concurrence of Orders, the motion to reconsider shall come from a majority of a Deputation from a Diocese of that Order which gave the majority in the negative; and in either case, a motion to reconsider shall be seconded by a majority of any Deputation of either Order, without regard to its previous vote. And all motions to reconsider shall be made and seconded on the day the vote is taken, or the next succeeding day.

15. The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion, for acceptance, unless recommended by a vote of the House. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the House therein.

16. No new business shall be introduced for the consideration of the House after the sixteenth day of its session, except by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

17. Whenever the election or confirmation of a Bishop is under consideration, the House shall sit with closed doors.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the House.

19. The names of the movers of resolutions shall appear upon the Minutes of this House.

20. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

21. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

22. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

23. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, nor longer than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the House.

24. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

25. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair; and before the President leaves the chair, he may make any communication to the House, or cause any notice to be read by the Secretary.

26. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

27. When memorials or petitions are presented, their contents shall be concisely stated by the Deputy presenting them, and they shall be referred or laid upon the table, unless by a majority vote the memorial or petition shall be ordered to be read.

28. No amendment of these rules shall be made unless one day's notice shall have been given of the motion to amend, and no rule shall be suspended unless with the assent of two thirds of the members present.

Digest of the Canons

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

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Constitution,

ADOPTED IN GENERAL CONVENTION,

IN PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER, 1789.

ARTICLE 1.

There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America on the first Wednesday in October, in every third year, from the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one; and in such place as shall be determined by the Convention; and in case there shall be an epidemic disease, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed on for any such meeting of the Convention, the Presiding Bishop shall have it in his power to appoint another convenient place (as near as may be to the place so fixed on) for the holding of such Convention: and special meetings may be called at other times, in the manner hereafter to be provided for; and this Church, in a majority of the Dioceses which shall have adopted this Constitution, shall be represented, before they shall proceed to business; except that the representation from two Dioceses shall be sufficient to adjourn; and in all business of the Convention freedom of debate shall be allowed.

ARTICLE 2.

The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and the Laity.

General Convention.

Change of Place.

Special Meetings.

Quorum.

Freedom of Debate.

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

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*Vote by Dioceses
and Orders.*

*Dioceses unrepresented
are bound.*

House of Bishops.

Such representation shall consist of not more than four Clergymen and four Laymen, communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof; and in all questions when required by the Clerical or Lay representation from any Diocese, each Order shall have one vote; and the majority of suffrages by Dioceses shall be conclusive in each Order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that Order. The concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. If the Convention of any Diocese should neglect or decline to appoint Clerical Deputies, or if they should neglect or decline to appoint Lay Deputies, or if any of those of either Order appointed should neglect to attend, or be prevented by sickness or any other accident, such Diocese shall nevertheless be considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may attend, whether Lay or Clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention of any of the Churches which shall have adopted or may hereafter adopt this Constitution, no Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, should attend at any General Convention, the Church in such Diocese shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of such Convention.

ARTICLE 3.

The Bishops of this Church, when there shall be three or more, shall, whenever General Conventions are held, form a separate House, with a right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies composed of Clergy and

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Laity ; and when any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, the same shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops, who shall have a negative thereupon ; and all acts of the Convention shall be authenticated by both Houses. And in all cases the House of Bishops shall signify to the Convention their approbation or disapprobation (the latter with their reasons in writing) within three days after the proposed act shall have been reported to them for concurrence ; and in failure thereof, it shall have the operation of a law. But until there shall be three or more Bishops, as aforesaid, any Bishop attending a General Convention shall be a member *ex officio*, and shall vote with the Clerical Deputies of the Diocese to which he belongs ; and a Bishop shall then preside.

*Negative upon the
Lower House.*

ARTICLE 4.

The Bishop or Bishops in every Diocese shall be chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be fixed by the Convention of that Diocese ; and every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal Office to his proper Diocese, unless requested to ordain, or confirm, or perform any other act of the Episcopal Office in another Diocese by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

*Jurisdiction of
Bishops.*

ARTICLE 5.

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution ; and a new Diocese, to be formed from one or more existing

*Admission of New
Dioceses.*

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Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions, viz. :—

Consent required.

No new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese.

Limit of Presbyters and Parishes.

No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than six Parishes, or less than six Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than twelve Parishes, or less than twelve Presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned: *provided*, that no city shall form more than one Diocese.

Rights of the Diocesan and the Assistant Bishops.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof; and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Constitution and Canons of New Dioceses.

Whenever the division of a Diocese into two or more Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Con-

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vention, each of the Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

ARTICLE 6.

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

*Ecclesiastical
Courts, Trials,
and Sentences.*

ARTICLE 7.

No person shall be admitted to Holy Orders until he shall have been examined by the Bishop, and by two Presbyters, and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons, in that case provided, may direct. Nor shall any person be ordained until he shall have subscribed the following declaration :—

*Requisites for Or-
dination.*

I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things neces-

Declaration.

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sary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrines and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Admission of Foreign Clergy.

No person ordained by a foreign Bishop shall be permitted to officiate as a Minister of this Church, until he shall have complied with the Canon or Canons in that case provided, and have also subscribed the aforesaid Declaration.

ARTICLE 8.

The Book of Common Prayer.

A Book of Common Prayer, Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, Articles of Religion, and a Form and Manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, when established by this or a future General Convention, shall be used in the Protestant Episcopal Church in those Dioceses which shall have adopted this Constitution. No alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer, or other Offices of the Church, or the Articles of Religion, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every Diocese, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention. *Provided, however,* That the General Convention shall have power, from time to time, to amend the Lectionary; but no act for this purpose shall be valid which is not voted for by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.

Alterations or Additions, how to be made.

The Lectionary, how it may be amended.

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ARTICLE 9.

This Constitution shall be unalterable, unless in General Convention, by the Church, in a majority of the Dioceses which may have adopted the same ; and all alterations shall be first proposed in one General Convention, and made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, before they shall be finally agreed to, or ratified, in the ensuing General Convention.

Alterations of this Constitution.

ARTICLE 10.

Bishops for foreign countries, on due application therefrom, may be consecrated, with the approbation of the Bishops of this Church, or a majority of them, signified to the Presiding Bishop ; he thereupon taking order for the same, and they being satisfied that the person designated for the office has been duly chosen, and properly qualified : the Order of Consecration to be conformed, as nearly as may be, in the judgment of the Bishops, to the one used in this Church. Such Bishops, so consecrated, shall not be eligible to the Office of Diocesan, or Assistant Bishop, in any Diocese in the United States, nor be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, nor exercise any Episcopal authority in said States.

Consecration of Bishops for Foreign Countries.

*Done in the General Convention of the Bishops,
Clergy, and Laity of the Church, the 2d day
of October, 1789.*

NOTE.—When the Constitution was originally adopted, in August, 1789, the first Article provided that the triennial Convention should be held

History of Alterations.

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1789.	on the first Tuesday in August. At the adjourned meeting of the Convention, held in October of the same year, it was provided that the second Tuesday in September, in every third year, should be the time of meeting. The time was again changed to the third Tuesday in May, by the General Convention of 1804.
1804.	The first Article was put into its present form at the General Convention of 1841.
1841.	The second Article was put into its present form at the General Convention of 1856.
1856.	The third Article was so altered by the General Convention of 1808, as to give the House of Bishops a full veto upon the proceedings of the other House.
1808.	The fourth Article was put into its present form at the General Convention of 1874.
1874.	The fifth Article was put into its present form at the General Convention of 1871.
1871.	The sixth Article was put into its present form at the General Convention of 1841.
1841.	The second sentence of the eighth Article was adopted at the General Convention of 1811.
1811.	The words "or the Articles of Religion" were added to the eighth Article by the General Convention of 1829.
1829.	The third sentence of the eighth Article was adopted at the General Convention of 1877.
1877.	The tenth Article was finally agreed to, and ratified, in the General Convention of 1844.
1844.	The Convention of 1838 adopted the following alterations, to wit:—
1838.	Striking out the word "States" wherever it occurred in the first and second Articles, except where

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it followed the word "United" in the first part of the first Article, and inserting in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Striking out the word "States" wherever it occurred in the second, third, and fourth Articles, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Dioceses."

Striking out the words "or district" in the fourth Article.

Striking out the word "State" in the sixth Article, and inserting the word "Diocese."

Striking out the word "States" in the eighth Article, and inserting the word "Dioceses"; and in the eighth Article striking out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Striking out the word "States" in the ninth Article, and inserting the word "Dioceses." Striking out the word "State" in the ninth Article, and inserting the word "Diocesan."

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Title I.

OF THE ORDERS IN THE MINISTRY, AND OF THE
DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

CANON 1.

Of the Orders of Ministry in this Church.

IN this Church there shall always be three Orders in the Ministry, namely: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.^a

Three Orders of Ministry.

CANON 2.

Of the Admission of Persons as Candidates for Holy Orders.

§ i. All persons seeking admission to the Ministry of this Church are to be regarded as Candidates for Holy Orders, or as Postulants for admission to Candidateship.^b

Who are deemed Candidates, or Postulants.

§ ii. [1.] Every person desiring to be admitted Candidate for Holy Orders is, in the first instance, to consult his immediate Spiritual Pastor or Rector, setting before him, freely and fully, the grounds of his desire for admission to the Ministry, together with such circumstances in his personal constitution, relations, and position, as may bear on his qualifications, or tend to affect his course of preparation.

Consultation with Rector.

^a Adopted in 1789. Canon 1, 1832.

^b § i, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

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Notice of Intention.

[2.] If counselled to persevere in his intention, such person shall then, with letter of approval and introduction from the Pastor or Rector, personally, if possible, or by letter, give notice of his intention to the Bishop of the Diocese, stating whether he has ever applied for admission as a Candidate in any other Diocese; (2) whether he is prepared at once to apply for recommendation to be admitted Candidate; (3) or, if not so prepared, where he proposes to prosecute preparatory studies, and whether he expects or desires aid in such studies while a Postulant; and (4) the time and place of his Baptism, Confirmation, and first Communion: *Provided*, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Bishop, for reasons satisfactory to himself, from receiving such application and notice, without such letter of approval and introduction, if the same, when applied for, be not given by such Pastor or Rector.^a

Proviso.

To what Bishop Application must be made.

[3.] Such notice must be given to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the person is actually resident, and can be received by none other.^b

Transfer permitted.

[4.] A Bishop may, at his discretion, permit the transfer of such application to the Bishop of another Diocese, for reasons seeming to him to justify such transfer.^b

An Applicant previously refused admission not to be received without a Certificate.

[5.] A Bishop may not receive such application from a person who has been refused admission as a Candidate in any other Diocese, or who, having been admitted, has afterward ceased to be a Candi-

^a § ii, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b § iv, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

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date, until he shall have caused such person to produce a certificate from the Bishop in whose Diocese he has been refused admission, or has been a Candidate, declaring the cause of refusal, or of cessation of Candidateship; and such certificate shall be laid before the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such second application shall be made.^a

[6.] A Standing Committee, acting under canonical provision as the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese, in vacancy, or for other causes, shall be competent to receive and do all assigned to the Bishop in the foregoing clauses.^b

§ iii. [1.] The Postulant for admission to Candidateship may at any time, after application to the Bishop duly made, apply to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for recommendation to the Bishop for admission as a Candidate.^b

[2.] In order thereto, he shall, with his application, lay before the Committee *testimonials*, in the following words:

We, whose names are hereunder written, testify, from our personal knowledge and belief, that A. B. is pious, sober, and honest; that he is attached to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and that he is a Communicant of the said Church in good standing; and do furthermore declare that, in our opinion, he possesses such qualifications as fit him for entrance on a course of preparation for the Holy Ministry.^c

[3.] Such testimonials shall be signed either by the Rector and a majority of the Vestry of the

Standing Committee.

Application of Postulant for Candidateship.

Testimonials for Standing Committee

to be signed by Rector and Vestry,

^a § ii, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b Added, 1871.

^c § v, Canon 4, 1856; as amended, 1871.

*Of the Admission of Candidates for Holy Orders.**or Presbyter and
four Laymen.**Committee sole
judge.**Testimonials may
be dispensed with.**Certificate from
Standing Com-
mittee.*

Parish or Congregation to which the Postulant may belong, said Vestry being duly convened, and this fact being explicitly stated on the face of the testimonials, or, in circumstances justifying such alternative, by at least one Presbyter and four respectable Laymen, Communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church.^a

[4.] The Standing Committee shall be sole judge of the propriety of receiving testimonials signed by others than a Rector and Vestry.^b

[5.] A majority of members of a Standing Committee having the requisite personal knowledge of a Postulant for recommendation, may, at the discretion of the Committee, dispense with the presentation of testimonials by a Rector and Vestry, or by others of the Clergy and Laity.^b

[6.] The Standing Committee, on the receipt of such testimonials, or, in its discretion, on the personal knowledge of its members, being duly satisfied that there is not sufficient objection on grounds either physical, intellectual, moral, or religious, may proceed to recommend a Postulant for admission to Candidateship, by a certificate bearing the signatures of a majority of all the members of the Committee, and addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, in the following words :

We, whose names are hereunder written, do certify that (from personal knowledge, or from testimonials laid before us, as the case may be) we believe that A. B. is pious, sober, and honest; that he is attached to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and that he

^a § v, Canon 4, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b Added, 1871.

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is a Communicant of the said Church in good standing; and do furthermore declare that, in our opinion, he possesses such qualifications as fit him for entrance on a course of preparation for the Holy Ministry.^a

[7.] In the action of the Bishop on the first application of any Postulant for admission to Candidateship, and in that of the Standing Committee on application for its recommendatory certificate, it is always understood, and it is also at proper opportunities to be made known to every Candidate, for whatever Order of the Ministry, and enforced upon his consideration, that the Church expects of all such Candidates what can never be brought to the test of any outward standard,—an inward fear and worship of Almighty God, a love of religion and a sensibility to its holy influences, a habit of devout affection, and, in short, a cultivation of all those graces which are called in Scripture the fruits of the Spirit, and by which alone His sacred influences can be manifested.^b

§ iv. [1.] Upon receipt of a certificate from the Standing Committee, recommending a Postulant for admission to Candidateship, the Bishop shall require such Postulant to make signification of his intention, whether it be to become a Candidate for the office and ministration of *a Deacon only*, or to be a Candidate for the *the Priesthood also*.^c

[2.] If the Postulant desires to be *Candidate for Priesthood*, as well as for the Diaconate, he

A cultivation of the fruits of the Spirit expected of Postulants and Candidates.

Postulant to signify intention.

Diploma,

^a § iii, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b § v, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^c Section adopted, 1871.

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must lay before the Bishop a satisfactory diploma, or other satisfactory evidence, that he is a graduate in arts of some university or college in which the learned languages are duly studied; and if the Bishop be not fully satisfied of the sufficiency of such diploma, he may remit the same, for consideration and advice, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.^a

or *Examination.*

[3.] But if the Postulant desiring to be Candidate for the Priesthood be not a graduate as aforesaid, he shall be remitted by the Bishop to the Examiners of Candidates for Priesthood, for examination as prescribed in the Canon of Examinations. In a case of emergency, the Bishop may appoint any two or more learned Presbyters to hold such examination.^a

Admission and Record as Candidate for Priest's Orders

[4.] On satisfactory evidence of a degree in arts, or report of satisfaction by examiners, the Bishop may, after personal conference with the Postulant, admit him to be a *Candidate for Priest's Orders*, and shall thereupon record his name, with the date of admission, and such other particulars as may be deemed expedient, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and forthwith give the Candidate written notice of such record.^b

sufficient for Candidateship for the Diaconate.

[5.] Such admission and notification of a Candidate for Priesthood is his sufficient admission as *Candidate for the Diaconate*, from the date of such admission and record.^b

Texts to be assigned by Bishop.

[6.] With the notification of his admission, every Candidate for Priest's Orders shall also re-

^a Sections adopted, 1871.

^b Subsections enacted, 1871.

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ceive from the Bishop the assignment of texts of Scripture, upon which he is expected to prepare discourses for presentation at his examinations.^a

§ v. [1.] A Postulant for admission to Candidature desiring to become *Candidate for the office and ministration of a Deacon only*, must present to the Bishop, at the time of signification of such desire, certificates from two or more learned Presbyters, that on their personal knowledge of him, and actual examination for further satisfaction, they deem him to possess such personal qualifications, and to have attained such proficiency in the English language and learning, and in particular in the art of reading aloud, and such general acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer, as justify the expectation of his usefulness in the office of Deacon, when thereto admitted, after due trial and preparation in his Candidateship: *Provided*, always, that in the case of a Postulant proposing to minister in a congregation worshipping in a language other than English, testimony of proficiency in the English language may be dispensed with.^a

[2.] The Bishop, on receipt of such certificates, may admit a Postulant recommended by the Standing Committee as *a Candidate for Deacon's Orders*, and shall thereupon record his name, with the date of admission, and the names of the Presbyters signing such Certificate, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and notify the Candidate of such record.^a

^a Subsections enacted, 1871.

Certificates of personal qualifications.

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Candidates for the Diaconate may become Candidates for the Priesthood.

[3.] A Candidate for Deacon's Orders may become a *Candidate for Priest's Orders* by signifying to the Bishop his desire to be admitted such Candidate, complying with the provisions of Section iv of this Canon, and obtaining from the Bishop admission and entry in the proper record. His Candidateship shall then date from the time of such admission and entry, as notified by the Bishop.^a

So may Deacons.

[4.] A Deacon may be admitted Candidate for Priest's Orders in the same manner.^a

Dispensation from Latin, etc.

§ vi. [1.] When a Postulant for admission as a Candidate for Priest's Orders wishes a knowledge of the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, to be dispensed with, he shall communicate his wish to the Bishop.^b

Testimonial required.

[2.] If the Bishop, on consideration of the circumstances of his case, encourage him to proceed, he shall procure and lay before the Standing Committee a testimonial, signed by at least two Presbyters of this Church, certifying that in their opinion the Postulant possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of prudence, and adding any other reason for dispensation which they may believe to exist.^b

Standing Committee may recommend.

[3.] On the receipt of such testimonial, the Standing Committee, by a vote of two thirds of all

^a § i, Canon 5, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b Subsections enacted, 1871.

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the members thereof, may proceed to recommend the applicant to the Bishop for the dispensation asked.^a

[4.] The Bishop may thereupon grant to the applicant a certificate of the dispensation required, for exhibition to his examiners.^a

[5.] The Bishop shall have the sole discretion of dispensation with a knowledge of the Hebrew language, in the case of any Candidate satisfactorily showing that its attainment by him is impracticable, and the Bishop's certificate of such dispensation shall exempt the bearer from examination on that subject only.^a

§ vii. [1.] A person not having had Episcopal Ordination, but acknowledged as an Ordained Minister or Licentiate in any other denomination of Christians, may become a Candidate for Holy Orders in this Church.

[2.] Such person must give notice of his desire to become Candidate to the Bishop of the Diocese in which he may be resident, stating, 1st, whether he has applied for admission as Candidate in any other Diocese; and, 2d, the ground and reasons of his desire; and, 3d, furnishing sufficient evidence of his standing in the denomination in which he has been Minister or Licentiate.

[3.] With the aforesaid notice of desire must be forwarded a written certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church, stating that, from personal knowledge of the Postulant, or from satisfac-

Certificate.

Hebrew.

Application by a Minister of another denomination.

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Certificate.

^a Subsections enacted, 1871.

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tory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the denomination to which he belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to his moral or religious character, or on account of which it may be inexpedient to admit him to the exercise of the Ministry in this Church ; and they may also add what they know, or believe on good authority, of the circumstances leading to the said desire.

Application to Standing Committee.

[4.] If, on receipt of such notice and certificate, the Bishop authorize further procedure, the Postulant may apply to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for recommendation ; in order to which he must lay before the Committee, —

Testimonial from twelve persons.

(1) A testimonial from at least twelve members of the denomination from which he comes, or twelve members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or twelve persons — in part of the denomination from which he comes, and in part of this Church — satisfactory to the Committee, certifying that the Postulant has, for three years last past, lived piously, soberly, and honestly ; and

Testimonial from two Presbyters.

(2) A testimonial from at least two Presbyters of this Church, certifying that they believe the Postulant to be pious, sober, and honest, and sincerely attached to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Church ; and that, in their opinion, he possesses such qualifications as fit him for usefulness in this Church.

Bishop and Standing Committee to proceed.

[5.] The Standing Committee and Bishop may then proceed as provided for in Section iii and Section iv of this Canon.^a

^a §§ viii, ix, Canon 3, 1856 ; as amended, 1871.

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[6.] Should the Postulant, applying as an ordained Minister or Licentiate of another denomination, not be a citizen of the United States, the Bishop to whom application is made shall require of him, with the notice of his intent to become a Candidate, satisfactory evidence that he has at that time resided at least one year in the United States.^a

Application by one who is not a citizen.

[7.] But should such Postulant apply on the ground of a call to a Church in which Divine Service is celebrated in a foreign language, (1) the foregoing requisition may be dispensed with; and (2) it shall be in the discretion of the Bishop and Standing Committee to dispense with the testimonials required in Section ii and Section iii of this Canon, and to accept and act upon such other evidence as in the nature of the case may be obtainable, and shall seem to their judgment fully equivalent; and (3) in such case an unanimous vote of the Standing Committee, at a meeting duly convened, shall be requisite: *Provided*, also, that the Postulant shall be required to produce to the Bishop a certificate, signed by at least four respectable members of this Church, testifying to the authenticity and credibility of the written evidences of his religious, moral, and literary qualifications; which certificate shall also be laid before the Standing Committee.^b

Testimonial and residence may be dispensed with.

Provido.

§ viii. In any case when the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese,

Standing Committee competent.

^a § ix, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b A paragraph of Canon 24, of 1832; as amended, 1871.

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such Committee shall be competent to receive and do all assigned to the Bishop in Section iii, Section iv, and Section vi of this Canon.

Definition.

§ ix. The Bishop of the Diocese, for the purposes of this and other Canons relating to Candidates and Ordinations, shall be understood, in cases so requiring, to signify an Assistant Bishop, when so empowered under Canon 13, Section v of Title I, a Provisional Bishop, a Missionary Bishop, and any other Bishop canonically in charge of a Diocese, Missionary District, or Congregation in foreign parts.

Canons to apply generally.

§ x. [1.] The provisions of this and other Canons respecting Candidates for Holy Orders, extend to persons coming from places in the United States in which the Constitution of this Church has not been acceded to, equally with others.

To what Standing Committee application should be made.

[2.] Any such person shall apply for recommendation (Section iii) to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Bishop to whom his notice of intention has been given.

CANON 3.

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Supervision of Candidates.

§ i. [1.] The superintendence of a Candidate for Holy Orders, and direction of his theological studies, pertain to the Bishop of the Diocese.

In vacant Dioceses.

[2.] In a Diocese, vacant or otherwise canonically under the Ecclesiastical Authority of the

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Standing Committee, the Clerical Members of such Committee shall exercise said superintendence and direction.

[3.] Care shall be taken that the Candidate shall pursue his studies diligently, and under proper direction; and that he do not indulge in any vain or trifling conduct, or in any amusements most likely to be abused to licentiousness, or unfavorable to that seriousness, and to those pious and studious habits, which become a person preparing for the Holy Ministry.^a

§ ii. [1.] A Candidate once admitted must remain in connection with the Diocese in which he has been admitted until his ordination, except as hereinafter provided.

[2.] Letters of dismissal to the jurisdiction of any other Bishop of this Church may be given him by the Bishop, upon actual change of residence, or for other good and sufficient reasons, established as such to the satisfaction of the Bishop.

[3.] The convenience of attending any theological or other seminary shall not be held to be such sufficient reason or ground of change of residence.^b

§ iii. A Candidate for Holy Orders shall not be allowed to accept from any Diocesan Convention an appointment as a Lay Deputy to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention.^c

Care to be taken.

No transfer allowed,

save for sufficient cause.

What is not a sufficient reason.

Candidates not eligible in General Convention.

^a § xi, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b §§ xiv, xv, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^c § xiii, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

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Candidates may be licensed as Lay Readers.

§ iv. [1.] A Candidate for Holy Orders may be licensed by the Bishop to perform the Service of the Church as a Lay Reader in his own Diocese, but in no other.

Restrictions and conditions.

[2.] Without such license a Candidate may not take upon himself such functions.

[3.] With the consent of his own Bishop, a Candidate may receive such license as a Lay Reader, for temporary use, from any other Bishop, for the Diocese of such Bishop only.

[4.] A Candidate so licensed shall submit to all the regulations which the Bishop licensing him may prescribe.

[5.] He shall also be bound to conformity to all the other restrictions and regulations of the Canon "of Lay Readers."^a

Candidates to make quarterly reports.

§ v. [1.] Every Candidate for Holy Orders shall report himself to the Bishop, personally or by letter, once at least in every three months, giving account of his manner of life and progress in theological studies.

[2.] Failure to make such report, not satisfactorily accounted for to the Bishop, shall be ground of refusal of admission to Holy Orders.^b

CANON 4.

Of Examinations.^c

Examining Chaplains.

§ i. In each Diocese there shall be two or more Examining Chaplains, to be appointed by the

^a § xii, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b Section enacted 1871.

^c Canon of 1871.

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Bishop, and holding their office at his discretion.

§ ii. [1.] *An examination of the literary qualifications* of a Postulant or Candidate shall extend to his knowledge of the English language and literature, and at least the first principles and general outlines of logic, rhetoric, mental and moral philosophy, physics and history, and the Latin and Greek languages.

Extent of literary examination.

[2.] A distinct report of the subjects of examination, and the satisfaction given in each, shall be made by the Examining Chaplains.

Report to be made.

[3.] The examination may be adjourned, or repeated after an assigned period, at the discretion of the Examining Chaplains.

Examination may be adjourned.

[4.] Such examination shall be made as prescribed in Canon 2, Section iv, [3.]

To conform to previous requirements.

§ iii. [1.] *The examination of a Candidate for the office and ministration of a Deacon* only shall be so conducted as may most thoroughly ascertain the extent of his acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments — in every part of which he shall be required to be well versed — and also his familiarity with the Book of Common Prayer, in all its parts and adjuncts, and with the Book of Articles.

Examination for the Diaconate only.

[2.] The Candidate shall also be examined as to his sufficiency for the edifying performance of the Service of the Church, and for the ministration of the office of a Deacon, in all its parts and functions.

Performance of the Service.

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Examination of a Candidate who has been a Minister in another denomination,

to be conducted by the Examining Chaplains.

Three Examinations for the Priesthood.

Not to be accumulated.

In part oral, in part in writing.

Questions may be previously communicated.

Sermons to be produced.

[3.] If the Candidate be one who, not having had Episcopal Ordination, has been acknowledged as an ordained or licensed Minister in any other denomination of Christians, he shall also be examined on those points in which the denomination whence he comes differs from this Church, with a view of testing his information and soundness in the same.

[4.] This examination shall always be conducted by the Examining Chaplains, the Bishop being present at his discretion.

§ iv. [1.] There shall be assigned to every *Candidate for Priest's Orders* three different examinations, at such times and places as the Examining Chaplains shall appoint.

[2.] Except for extraordinary reasons of great urgency, these examinations shall not be accumulated into one, but shall each be assigned as the business of a separate day.

[3.] Each examination shall be conducted in part orally, and in part by questions or themes propounded in writing, to which written answers shall be made, in presence of one or more of the Examining Chaplains.

[4.] At the discretion of the Examining Chaplains, such written questions or themes may, or may not, be previously communicated to the Candidate.

[5.] At each examination the Candidate shall produce, and read, a Sermon or Discourse, composed by himself, on some passage of Scripture assigned to him for that purpose by the Bishop,

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and shall also hand in two other Sermons or Discourses on some passage or passages of Scripture selected by himself; all which Sermons or Discourses shall be submitted to the criticisms of the Examining Chaplains.

[6.] At either or all of the examinations, the Examining Chaplains may, and at some one of them, at least, shall, subject the Candidate to such proof of his ability to conduct the Service of the Church in an edifying manner, and to deliver his Sermons with propriety and effectiveness, as shall fully satisfy them of his competence for the public duties of the Holy Ministry.

[7.] If the Candidate be one who, not having had Episcopal Ordination, has been acknowledged as an ordained or licensed Minister in any other denomination of Christians, and be not yet admitted to Deacon's Orders, he shall, at the first examination, be also examined on those points in which the denomination whence he comes differs from this Church, with a view of testing his information and soundness in the same.

[8.] No examination at any theological or other literary institution shall be held to be equivalent to any one or more Canonical examinations, or allowed to supersede the same; nor shall any certificate of graduation or diploma from any theological or other literary institution be held to be sufficient ground for dispensing with any part of the Diocesan examinations of a Candidate.

Proof of ability as a reader and speaker to be given.

Examination of one previously a member of any other denomination.

Examinations by Examining Chaplains not to be superseded.

§ v. *The three examinations shall be, —*

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The first examination.

[1.] *The first examination*, on the Books of Scripture, the Candidate being required to give an account of the different Books, to translate from the original Greek and Hebrew, and to explain such passages as may be proposed to him.

Dispensations.

[2.] In cases of Candidates having dispensations from Latin, Greek, or Hebrew, and other branches of learning not strictly Ecclesiastical, the *first examination* shall extend only to the knowledge of the text and interpretation of the English Bible, with such other matters as are comprised in what are commonly known as Introductions to the Holy Scriptures.

The second.

[3.] *The second examination* shall be on the Evidences of Christianity, Christian Ethics, and Systematic Divinity.

The third.

[4.] *The third examination* shall be on Church History, Ecclesiastical Polity, the Book of Common Prayer — its history and contents, and the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and those of the Diocese to which the Candidate belongs.

Course of study.

[5.] In all these examinations reference shall be had, as closely as possible, to the course of study established by the House of Bishops, and to the books therein recommended, or equivalent works of more recent date.

The Bishop may take part and preside at such examinations,

§ vi. [1.] The Bishop, at his discretion, may take part and preside in either or all of the examinations of a Candidate for Priest's Orders.

and may invite the presenting Presbyter to attend.

[2.] The Bishop may also invite the presence and assistance, at any such examination, of any Presbyter to whom he may desire to assign the

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duty of presenting one or more of the Candidates for ordination.

[3.] If any Candidate for Priest's Orders be not examined by the Bishop in at least one of the examinations by the Examining Chaplains, he shall, before his ordination, be examined by the Bishop and two or more Presbyters, on the subjects above prescribed.

Must be present at one examination.

[4.] A Candidate ordained for a Diocese vacant or canonically under the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Standing Committee, shall, besides the examination by the Examining Chaplains, be again examined by the Bishop to whom he shall be recommended for ordination, and two or more Presbyters, on the studies prescribed by this Canon.

Reëxamination.

§ vii. [1.] The examinations of a Candidate for Priest's Orders may take place either before or after ordination to the Diaconate.

When examinations for the Priesthood may take place.

[2.] Their satisfactory passage by the Candidate shall be his sufficient examination for Deacon's Orders: *Provided*, that if the Bishop shall not have taken part in one or more of such examinations, then the Candidate shall be examined by the Bishop and two Presbyters in the mode prescribed in Section iii of this Canon.

If passed, sufficient for Deacon's Orders.

[3.] The satisfactory passage of the *first* examination for Priest's Orders alone shall suffice for the admission of the Candidate to Deacon's Orders: *Provided* as above, and *further provided* that, in any case, before ordination, he be examined by the

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Bishop and at least two Presbyters on his familiarity with the Book of Common Prayer, in all its parts and adjuncts, and with the text of the Book of Articles; and that such examination on the Prayer Book be not held to have satisfied in his case the requisitions of the *third* examination for Priest's Orders.

Certificate required.

§ viii. Satisfaction given in any examination shall, in every case, be certified in writing to the Bishop, with the signatures of the examiners.

Disqualification of Candidate.

§ ix. Violation of any of the provisions of this Canon shall disqualify for ordination the Candidate implicated, and shall also subject any other party concerned to canonical procedure and censure.

Examinations must be passed within a certain period.

§ x. [1.] A Candidate for Priest's Orders must apply for at least his *first* and *second* examinations within three years, and his *third* within five years from his admission, or else assign, to the Bishop, causes which he shall deem satisfactory for failure so to do.

[2.] For contravention of this rule the name of the offender shall be stricken from the list of Candidates, after due warning by the Bishop.

CANON 5.

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Previous application in another Diocese.

§ i. [1.] No Candidate who may be refused Holy Orders, in any Diocese, shall be ordained in any other Diocese, except by renewal of Candidatship, under the provisions of Canon 2.

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[2.] A Bishop who shall finally reject the application of a Candidate for Holy Orders, shall immediately notify such rejection to every Bishop and other Diocesan Ecclesiastical Authority in this Church.^a

Notice of rejection.

§ ii. [1.] A Candidate for Holy Orders, recommended by a Standing Committee, canonically acting as Ecclesiastical Authority, if he have lately resided for a length of time, not less than one year, in any other Diocese, shall apply to the Bishop of such Diocese for ordination.

Candidates from vacant Dioceses.

[2.] Such Candidate shall, besides his recommendation from his own Diocese, apply for recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which he seeks ordination.^b

§ iii. [1.] No Bishop of this Church shall ordain any person to officiate in any Congregation or Church destitute of a Bishop, situated without the jurisdiction of the United States, except with the canonically prescribed testimonials and examinations.

Ordination of one to officiate without the jurisdiction of the United States.

[2.] Should any person so ordained desire to settle in any Congregation or Parish of this Church, he must obtain a special license therefor from the Bishop, and officiate as a Probationer for at least one year.^c

Special license.

§ iv. A Clergyman who presents a person to the Bishop for Holy Orders, as specified in the Office

Liability of presenting Clergymen.

^a § xvi, Canon 3, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b § vii, Canon 4, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^c § xv, Canon 5, 1856; as amended, 1871.

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for Ordination, without having good grounds to believe that the requisitions of the Canons have been complied with, shall be liable to Ecclesiastical censure.^a

Times of ordination.

§ v. [1.] Agreeably to the practice of the primitive Church, the stated times of ordination shall be on the Sundays following the Ember Weeks, namely, the second Sunday in Lent, the Feast of Trinity, and the Sundays after the Wednesday following the 14th day of September and the 13th of December.

[2.] Occasional ordinations may be held at other times, as the Bishop shall appoint.^b

CANON. 6.

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Candidateship for the Diaconate only to continue one year.

§ i. A Candidate for the Office and Ministration of a Deacon only shall not be ordained within one year from his admission, unless the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, shall deem it expedient to ordain him after the expiration of a shorter period, in no case to be less than six months.^c

Testimonial.

§ ii. Before the examination preceding ordination, such Candidate shall be required to present to the Bishop a testimonial from at least one Rec-

^a § xii, Canon 4, 1856.

^b Canon 20, 1832. In 1789 the Canon was passed without the last subsection. In 1808 this was added, and the Canon has continued unchanged since that time.

^c Enacted, 1871.

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tor of a Parish, signifying the belief that he is well qualified to minister in the Office of a Deacon to the glory of God and the edification of the Church.^a

§ iii. A Candidate for Priest's Orders shall not be ordained to the Diaconate within three years from his admission, unless the Bishop, for urgent reasons, with the consent of three fourths of the Standing Committee, shall admit him to the Diaconate while yet prosecuting his course of theological studies; in which case he may be ordained at any time after the expiration of one year from his admission.^b

Candidates for the Priesthood not to be ordained within three years from admission.

§ iv. [1.] No person shall be ordained Deacon in this Church unless he be recommended to the Bishop for ordination by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Recommendation from Standing Committee.

[2.] In order to such recommendation, the Candidate must lay before the Standing Committee testimonials from the Minister and Vestry of the Parish or Congregation of which he is a member, or from the Vestry alone, if the Parish be vacant; or, if there be no organized Parish or Congregation where he has resided, from at least twelve respectable members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, testifying to his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, in the following words:

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or twelve persons.

We, whose names are hereunder written, do testify, from evidence satisfactory to us, that A. B., for the space of three

^a § ii, Canon 4, 1856; as amended in 1862, and again in 1871.

^b Enacted, 1871.

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years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not, so far as we know or believe, written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and, moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

Substitute for testimonials from Minister and Vestry.

[3.] But in case a Candidate, from some peculiar circumstances not affecting his pious or moral character, shall be unable to procure testimonials from the Minister and Vestry of the Parish where he resides, the Standing Committee may accept testimonials, of the purport above stated, from at least twelve respectable members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Personal testimonials.

[4.] The Candidate shall also lay before the Standing Committee a testimonial, signed by at least one respectable Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in the following words:

I [or we] do certify that A. B., for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not, so far as I [or we] know or believe, written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and, moreover, I [or we] think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons. This testimonial is founded on my [or our] personal knowledge of the said A. B., for one year last past, and, for the residue of the said time, upon evidence that is satisfactory to me [or us]. In witness whereof, I [or we] have hereunto set my [or our] hand [or hands], this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

Testimonials from Standing Committee.

[5.] The Standing Committee, on receipt of such testimonials, may, at a meeting duly convened, a majority of all the Committee consenting, proceed

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to recommend the Candidate for ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, in the following words :

We, whose names are hereunder written, certify that A. B. hath laid before us satisfactory testimonials that, for the space of three years last past, he hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly ; and hath not written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church ; and, moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

This testimonial shall have the signatures of all consenting to it.^a

§ v. In the case of a Candidate not having had Episcopal ordination, but acknowledged as an ordained Minister or Licentiate by some other denomination of Christians, the testimonials to be laid before the Standing Committee and the testimonial given by the Committee shall be required to cover only the time since the admission of the person to a Candidateship.^b

§ vi. The same provision shall apply to the case of a person to be ordained on the ground of a call to a Church in which Divine Service is celebrated in a foreign language.^c

§ vii. Deacon's Orders shall not be conferred on any person under the age of twenty-one years complete.^c

*Testimonials of
Candidates,
Ministers in other
denominations,*

*or to officiate in
foreign languages.*

Age for ordination.

^a §§ iv, v, Canon 4, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b § iii, Canon 4, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^c Sections enacted, 1871.

Of Deacons.

CANON 7.

Of Deacons.^a

*Deacons subject
to control of
Bishop, etc.*

§ i. Every Deacon shall be subject to the regulation of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which he is ordained, until he receive letters of dismissal therefrom to the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority of some other Diocese, and be thereupon received as a Clergyman of such other Diocese; and he shall officiate in such places as the Bishop, or the said Clerical Members, may direct.^b

*Restrictions upon
settlement,*

§ ii. [1.] No Deacon shall be settled over a Parish or Congregation, or permitted to accept of a Chaplaincy in the United States Army or Navy,^c until he shall have satisfactorily passed the three examinations required for Priest's Orders.

*and upon
officiating.*

[2.] No Deacon shall officiate in any Parish or Congregation without the express consent of the Rector for the time being, where there is a Rector; nor in any case without the assent of the Bishop; and when officiating in the Parish or Congregation of a Rector, he shall be entirely subject to the direction of such Rector, in all his ministrations.^d

*Subject to the
Rector,*

*without request
of Bishop.*

§ iii. No Deacon, who shall not have passed the examinations required for Priest's Orders, shall be

^a Canon 6, 1859.

^b § xi, Canon 4, 1856.

^c This phrase touching Chaplaincies was added in 1862.

^d § ix, Canon 4, 1856.

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transferred to another Diocese without the written request of the Bishop to whose jurisdiction he is to be transferred.^a

CANON 8.

Of the Ordination of Priests.

§ i. A Candidate for Priest's Orders, who has been a Candidate for the Ministry of any other denomination of Christians, may be allowed as part of the duration of his Candidateship, by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, the period during which he may have been a Student of Theology, or Candidate in such other denomination: *Provided*, that the time so allowed shall not exceed two years.^b

Period of previous study allowed Candidates from other denominations.

§ ii. A Candidate for Priesthood shall not be ordained within three years from his admission, nor, in any case, within one year from his reception of Deacon's Orders, except by the advice and consent of three fourths of all the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, at a meeting duly convened.^c

Duration of Candidateship.

§ iii. No person shall be ordained a Priest unless he shall produce to the Bishop a satisfactory certificate from some Church, Parish, or Congregation, that he is engaged with them, and that they will receive him as their Minister; or unless he be a

Title for Orders.

^a § x, Canon 4, 1856. ^b § vi, Canon 5, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^c Section enacted 1871.

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Missionary under the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to which he belongs or in the employment of some Missionary Society recognized by the General Convention ; or unless he be engaged as a Professor, Tutor, or Instructor of youth in some College, Academy, or other Seminary of learning, duly incorporated, or as a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States.^a

Recommendation required.

§ iv. [1.] No person shall be ordained a Priest in this Church unless he be recommended to the Bishop for ordination by the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which he is to be ordained.

Testimonials to Standing Committee from Minister and Vestry.

[2.] In order to such recommendation, the Candidate must lay before the Standing Committee testimonials of his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, from the Minister and Vestry of the Parish where he resides ; or, if the Parish be vacant, or if the applicant be the Minister of the Parish (a Deacon desirous of Priest's Orders), from the Vestry alone, in the following words :

We, whose names are hereunder written, do testify that A. B., for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly ; and hath not, so far as we know or believe, written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church ; and, moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

Substitution allowed.

[3.] But in case peculiar circumstances, not affecting his moral character, or the want of a Vestry

^a § x, Canon 5, 1856 ; as amended in 1862.

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where he is residing or ministering, should hinder the procurement of testimonials as above, the Standing Committee may accept testimonials, of the same tenor, from at least twelve respectable members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

[4.] The Candidate shall also lay before the Standing Committee a testimonial signed by at least one Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in the following form :

*Personal
testimonial.*

I do certify that A. B., for the space of three years last past, has lived piously, soberly, and honestly ; and hath not, so far as I know or believe, written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church ; and, moreover, I think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests. This testimonial is founded on my personal knowledge of the said A. B., for one year last past, and for the residue of the said time, upon evidence that is satisfactory to me. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

[5.] The Standing Committee, on receipt of such testimonials, may, at a meeting duly convened, a majority of all the Committee consenting, proceed to recommend the Candidate for ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop, in the following words :

*Testimonial from
Standing Committee.*

We, whose names are underwritten, members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of —, do testify that A. B. hath laid before us satisfactory testimonials that, for the space of three years last past, he hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly ; and hath not written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church ; and, moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

Of Lay Readers.

This testimonial shall have the signatures of all consenting to it.^a

*Candidates
from other
denominations,*

§ v. Candidates for the Priesthood, ordained Deacons under Section v or Section vi of Canon 6, shall not be required to have testimonials covering more time than has elapsed since their admission to Candidateship.^b

*or those ordained
Deacons.*

§ vi. A Candidate for Priest's Orders, ordained Deacon within three years preceding the time of his application for recommendation for ordination to the Priesthood, shall only be required to have testimonials extending back to the time of his ordination: *Provided*, nothing shall have in the mean while occurred that tends to invalidate the force of the evidence on which the Candidate was ordained a Deacon.^c

Proviso.

Age of ordination.

§ vii. Priest's Orders shall not be conferred on any person until he shall have attained the age of twenty-four years complete.^d

CANON 9.

Of Lay Readers.^e

*Written license
may be given.*

§ i. A Lay Communicant of this Church may receive from the Bishop a written license to conduct the service of the Church in a Congregation convened for public worship, as a Lay Reader.

^a §§ v, vii, viii, Canon 4, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^b § iii, Canon 4, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^c § ix, Canon 5, 1856; as amended, 1871.

^d Section enacted 1871. ^e Canon of 1871.

Of Lay Readers.

§ ii. [1.] Such appointment may be made by the Bishop, of his own motion, for service in any vacant Parish, Congregation, or Mission.

[2.] But where a Rector is in charge, his request and recommendation must have been previously signified to the Bishop.

§ iii. [1.] The Lay Reader so appointed shall be subject to any regulations prescribed by the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

[2.] He shall not use the Absolution, nor the Benediction, nor the Offices of the Church, except those for the Burial of the Dead, and for Visitation of the Sick and of Prisoners; omitting, in these last, the Absolutions and Benedictions.

[3.] He shall not assume the dress appropriate to Clergymen ministering in the Congregation.

[4.] He shall conform to the direction of the Bishop as to the Sermons or Homilies to be read; or, in the absence of such directions, if he is officiating in a Parish or Congregation having a Rector, then of such Rector.

[5.] He shall not deliver Sermons of his own composition.

[6.] He shall not, except in case of emergency, or peculiar expediency, perform any part of the Service when a Clergyman is present.

§ iv. The license authorized by this Canon may be revoked at the discretion of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Mode of appointment.

Restrictions.

License revocable.

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CANON 10.

Of Ministers Ordained in Foreign Countries by Bishops in Communion with this Church.

Ministers ordained in foreign countries by Bishops in communion with this Church.

Certificate.

Letter dimissory.

§ i. A Clergyman coming from a foreign country, and professing to have been ordained out of the United States by a foreign Bishop in communion with this Church, or by a Bishop consecrated for a foreign country by Bishops of this Church under Article 10 of the Constitution, or by a Missionary Bishop elected to exercise Episcopal functions in any place or places out of the United States, shall, before he be permitted to officiate in any Parish or Congregation, exhibit to the Minister, or if there be no Minister to the Vestry thereof, a certificate signed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee duly convened, that his letters of Holy Orders are authentic, and given by some Bishop in communion with this Church, and whose authority is acknowledged by this Church; and also that he has exhibited to the Bishop or Standing Committee satisfactory evidence of his pious and moral character, and of his theological acquirements; and in any case, before he shall be permitted to settle in any Church or Parish, or be received into union with any Diocese of this Church as a Minister thereof, he shall produce to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee thereof, a letter of dismissal from under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese he has been last connected; which letter shall be,

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in substance, that provided for in Section vii of Canon 12 of this Title, and shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof; and when such Clergyman shall have been so received, he shall be considered as having passed entirely from the jurisdiction of the Bishop from whom the letter of dismission was brought, to the full jurisdiction of the Bishop or other Ecclesiastical Authority by whom it shall have been accepted, and become thereby subject to all the canonical provisions of this Church: *Provided*, that no such Clergyman shall be so received into union with any Diocese until he shall have subscribed, in the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese in which he applies for reception, and of two or more Presbyters, the declaration contained in Article 7 of the Constitution; which being done, said Bishop or Standing Committee, being satisfied of his theological acquirements, may receive him into union with this Church as a Minister of the same: *Provided, also*, that such Minister shall not be entitled to settle in any Parish or Church, as canonically in charge of the same, until he shall have resided one year in the United States subsequent to the acceptance of his letter of dismission.

*Subscription.**One year's residence.*

§ ii. And if such foreign Clergyman be a Deacon, he shall reside in this country at least one year, and obtain in this country the requisite testimonials of character, before he be ordained a Priest.^a

Foreign Deacons.

^a Canon 9, 1844; amended, 1868.

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CANON 11.

Of the Admission of Ministers ordained by Bishops not in Communion with this Church.

Ministers ordained by Bishops not in Communion with this Church shall produce certificate.

Shall subscribe declaration in Art. 7.

When a Deacon or Priest ordained by a Bishop not in communion with this Church, shall apply to a Bishop for admission into the same as a minister thereof, he shall produce a written certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church stating that, from personal knowledge of the party, or satisfactory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the communion to which he has belonged, has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to his moral or religious character, or on account of which it may be inexpedient to admit him to the exercise of the ministry in this Church; and he shall also, not less than six months after his application, in the presence of the Bishop and two or more Presbyters, subscribe the declaration contained in Article 7 of the Constitution; which being done, the Bishop, being satisfied of his theological acquirements, may receive him as such Minister.^a

CANON 12.

Of Ministers Officiating in a Foreign Language.

Ministers Officiating in a Foreign Language.

When a Clergyman, coming from a foreign country, and professing to be regularly ordained, shall be called to a Church of this communion in which

^a Canon 10, 1841.

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Of Persons not Ministers in this Church, etc.

Divine Service is celebrated in a foreign language, he may, with the approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Church is situated, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, or with the unanimous consent of the Standing Committee if there be no Bishop, and, on complying with the other requisitions of the Canons, settle in the said Church, as the Minister thereof, without having resided one year in the United States, anything in these Canons to the contrary notwithstanding.^a

May settle.

CANON 13.

Of Persons not Ministers in this Church officiating in any Congregation thereof.

No Minister in charge of any Congregation of this Church, or, in case of vacancy or absence, no Churchwardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of the Congregation, shall permit any person to officiate therein, without sufficient evidence of his being duly licensed or ordained to minister in this Church: *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to forbid communicants of the Church to act as Lay Readers.

Evidence of being a Minister in this Church necessary for officiating.

Canon 13, Title I, Sections i and ii, is hereby repealed: *Provided*, that such repeal shall not affect any case of a violation of said Canon committed before this date; but such case shall be

^a Canon 24, 1832.

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governed by the same law as if no such repeal had taken place.^a

CANON 14.

General Regulations of Ministers and their Duties.

Election and institution of Ministers.

§ i. [1.] It is hereby required that, on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect :

We, the Churchwardens [*or, in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Churchwardens*], do certify to the Right Rev. [*naming the Bishop*], or to the Rev. [*naming the President of the Standing Committee*], that [*naming the person*] has been duly chosen Rector [*or, Assistant Minister, as the case may be*] of [*naming the Parish or Church*].

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

Certificate to be transmitted for record.

[2.] If the Bishop or the Standing Committee be satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified Minister of this Church, the Bishop, or the President of the Standing Committee, shall transmit the said certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.^b

Concerning institution.

[3.] And if the Minister be a Presbyter, the Bishop, or President of the Standing Committee,

^a Canon as amended, 1868; renumbered, 1874.

^b § ii, Canon 7, 1856.

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may, at the instance of the Vestry, proceed to have him instituted according to the Office established by this Church, if that Office be used in the Diocese. But if he be a Deacon, the act of institution shall not take place until after he shall have received Priest's Orders. This provision concerning the use of the Office of Institution is not to be considered as applying to any congregation destitute of a house of worship.^a

§ ii. No Minister, removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate in the words following :

I hereby certify that the Rev. A. B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a Minister in regular standing.^b

§ iii. The Alms and Contributions at the Administration of the Holy Communion shall be deposited with the Minister of the Parish, or with such Church officer as shall be appointed by him, to be applied by the Minister, or under his superintendence, to such pious and charitable uses as shall by him be thought fit.^c

§ iv. [1.] It shall be the duty of Ministers to prepare young persons and others for the holy

Certificate to Minister removing from one Diocese to another.

Alms and Contributions.

Duty on Episcopal visitations.

^a § iii, Canon 7, 1856.

^b § iv, Canon 7, 1856.

^c Canon 52, 1832.

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One month's notice.

ordinance of Confirmation. And on notice being received from the Bishop of his intention to visit any Church, which notice shall be at least one month before the intended visitation, the Minister shall give immediate notice to his parishioners, individually, as opportunity may offer, and also to the Congregation on the first occasion of public worship after the receipt of said notice. And he shall be ready to present for Confirmation such persons as he shall think properly qualified, and shall deliver to the Bishop a list of the names of those confirmed.

List of names.

Duty to give information.

[2.] And at every visitation it shall be the duty of the Minister, and of the Churchwardens or Vestry, to give information to the Bishop of the state of the Congregation, under such heads as shall have been committed to them in the notice given as aforesaid.

Parochial Reports.

[3.] And further, the Ministers and Churchwardens of such Congregations as cannot be conveniently visited in any year, shall bring or send to the Bishop, at the stated meeting of the Convention of the Diocese, information of the state of the Congregation, under such heads as shall have been committed to them at least one month before the meeting of the Convention.^a

Parish Register to be kept.

§ v. [1.] Every Minister of this Church shall keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, and Funerals, within his cure, agreeably to such rules as may be provided

^a Canon 26, 1832.

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by the Convention of the Diocese where his cure lies; and if none such be provided, then in such manner as in his discretion he shall think best suited to the uses of such a register.

[2.] The intention of the Register of Baptisms is hereby declared to be, as for other good uses, so especially for the proving of the right of the Church-membership of those who may have been admitted into this Church by the holy ordinance of Baptism.

Register of Baptisms.

[3.] Every Minister of this Church shall make out and continue, as far as practicable, a list of all families and adult persons within his cure, to remain for the use of his successor, to be continued by him, and by every future Minister in the same Parish.^a

List of Families.

§ vi. [1.] No Minister belonging to this Church shall officiate, either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the Parish, or within the parochial cure, of another Clergyman, unless he have received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the Churchwardens and Vestrymen, or Trustees of the Congregation, or a majority of them.

Officiating of Ministers within the cures of others.

[2.] Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law, or settled by Diocesan authority under Section ii of Canon 5 of Title III of this Digest, or are not otherwise settled, they shall, for the purposes of this Section, be defined by the civil divisions of the State, as follows:

Parish boundaries not otherwise defined,

^a Canon 29, 1832.

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to be certain civil divisions of the State.

Recognized by the Bishop.

If but one Church.

If two or more Churches.

The consent necessary for officiating.

A new Parish.

Neglect of Minister.

Parochial boundaries shall be the limits, as now fixed by law, of any village, town, township, incorporated borough, city, or the limits of some division thereof which may have been recognized by the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, as constituting the boundaries of a Parish.

If there be but one Church or Congregation within the limits of such village, town, township, borough, city, or such division of a city or town as herein provided, the same shall be deemed the parochial cure of the Minister having charge thereof. If there be two or more Congregations or Churches therein, it shall be deemed the cure of the Ministers thereof, and the assent of a majority of such Ministers shall be necessary; but nothing in this Canon shall be construed to prevent any Clergyman of this Church from officiating in any Parish Church or in any place of public worship used by any Congregation of this Church, or elsewhere within the parochial cure of the Minister of the said Congregation, with the consent of the Clergyman in charge of such Congregation; or, in his absence, of the Churchwardens and Vestrymen or Trustees of such Congregation, or of a majority of them.

When, under Diocesan authority, a new Parish is constituted, and its boundaries defined, this Section shall be applicable to the same as so established.

[3.] If any Minister of the Church, from inability or any other cause, neglect to perform the

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regular services in his Congregation, and refuse, without good cause, his consent to any other Minister of the Church to officiate within his cure, the Churchwardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of such Congregation shall, on proof of such neglect or refusal before the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, before the Standing Committee, or before such persons as may be deputed by him or them, or before such persons as may be, by the regulations of this Church in any Diocese, vested with the power of hearing and deciding on complaints against Clergymen, have power, with the written consent of the before-mentioned authority, to open the doors of their Church to any regular Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

[4.] This Canon shall not affect any legal rights of property of any Parish.^a

§ vii. [1.] A Minister of this Church removing within the jurisdiction of any Bishop or other Ecclesiastical Authority, shall, in order to gain canonical residence within the same, present to said Ecclesiastical Authority a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary District in which he last resided, which testimonial shall set forth his true standing and character. The testimonial may be in the following words :

I hereby certify that A. B., who has signified to me his desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of —, is a Presbyter (or Deacon) of —, in regular standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil

Rights of property undisturbed.

Of Clerical residence and removal.

Letter Dimissory.

^a Canon as amended in 1859 and 1868.

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report, for error in religion or viciousness of life, for three years last past.

When to affect canonical residence.

[2.] All such testimonials shall be called Letters Dimissory. No such letter shall affect a Minister's canonical residence, until, after having been presented according to its address, it shall have been accepted, and notification of such acceptance given to the authority whence it proceeded. The residence of the Minister so transferred shall date from the acceptance of his letter of transfer. If not presented within three months after its date, it may be considered as void by the authority whence it proceeded; and shall be so considered, unless it be presented within six months.

When void.

When reception may be refused.

[3.] If a Minister, removing into another Diocese, who has been called to take charge of a Parish or Congregation, shall present a testimonial in the form aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to which he has removed, to accept it, unless the Bishop or Standing Committee should have heard rumors, that he or they believe to be well founded, against the character of the Minister concerned, which would form a proper ground of canonical inquiry, and presentment; in which case the Ecclesiastical Authority shall communicate the same to the Bishop or Standing Committee of the Diocese to whose jurisdiction the said Minister belongs; and, in such case, it shall not be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority to accept the testimonial, unless, and until, the Minister shall be exculpated from the said charges.

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[4.] It shall be the duty of all Ministers, except Professors in the General Theological Seminary, Professors and Tutors in any University or College which is maintained and governed by two or more Dioceses, associated for that purpose, Officers of the Board of Missions, and Chaplains in the Army and Navy, to obtain and present letters of transfer as above described, whenever they remove from one Diocese or Missionary District to any other Diocese or Missionary District, whether Domestic or Foreign, and remain there for the space of six months. But when a Diocese is divided into two or more Dioceses, any Professor in a Theological Seminary therein, which is governed by Trustees from every part of such original Diocese, may select to which of said Dioceses he shall belong, and shall not be obliged to obtain and present the above-mentioned letters of transfer.^a

When Letters Dimissory are not required.

Theological Professors may select their Diocese.

CANON 15.

Of Bishops.

§ i. [1.] To entitle a Diocese to the choice of a Bishop, by the Convention thereof, there must be, at the time of such choice, and have been during the year previous, at least six officiating Presbyters therein, regularly settled in a Parish or Church, and qualified to vote for a Bishop, and six or more Parishes represented in the Convention electing. But two or more adjoining Dioceses, not having respectively the requisite number of Presbyters to

Election of Bishops.

Six Presbyters and six Parishes.

Two or more Dioceses uniting.

^a Canon 6, 1856; amended and renumbered, 1874.

Of Bishops.

entitle either to the choice of a Bishop, may associate and proceed to the choice of a Bishop, to exercise jurisdiction alike in each of the associated Dioceses, if there be at the time of such choice, and have been during the year previous, nine or more such Presbyters residing in any part of such associated Dioceses, qualified as aforesaid; and the Bishop, so elected, shall exercise Episcopal jurisdiction over each of the associated Dioceses, until such time as some one of such Dioceses, having six or more Presbyters canonically qualified to elect a Bishop, shall elect him, and he shall have accepted the office as its own exclusive Diocesan; whereupon, his connection with the other associated Diocese or Dioceses shall cease and determine: *Provided*, always, that the Dioceses thus associated in the election of a common Bishop, and the Conventions thereof, shall, in all other respects, remain as before, unconnected and independent of each other: and *Provided*, also, that such association shall be dissolved on the demise of the Bishop, if not before.

*First proviso.**Second proviso.**What is a settlement.*

[2.] A Minister is settled, for all purposes here or elsewhere mentioned in these Canons, who has been engaged permanently by any Parish, according to the rules of said Diocese, or for any term not less than one year.^a

Certificates to be produced by the Bishop elect.

§ ii. [1.] Every Bishop elect, before his consecration, shall produce to the House of Bishops, from the Convention by whom he is elected, evi-

^a Canon 2, 1844.

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dence of such election; and, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention, evidence of their approbation of his testimonials, and of their assent to his consecration; and also certificates, respectively, in the following words; such certificates, in both cases, to be signed by a constitutional majority of the members of the Diocesan Convention, or of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, as the case may be. The same evidence of election by, and the same certificate from, the members of the Diocesan Convention, shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention.

Testimony from the Members of the Convention in the Diocese from whence the person is recommended for consecration.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we do, in our conscience, believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God, and the edifying of His Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

The above certificate shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention.

Testimony from Diocesan Convention.

Of Bishops.

*Testimony from
House of Clerical
and Lay Deputies.*

*T estimony from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in
General Convention.*

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony, on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy Office, but that he hath, as we believe, led his life, for three years last past, piously, soberly, and honestly.

Consecration.

[2.] If the House of Bishops consent to the consecration, the Presiding Bishop, with any two Bishops, may proceed to perform the same, or any three Bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.^a

*Consecration
during recess.*

§ iii. [1.] If, during the recess of the General Convention, the Church in any Diocese should be desirous of the consecration of a Bishop elect, the Standing Committee of the Church in such Diocese may, by their president, or by some person or persons specially appointed, communicate the desire to the Standing Committees of the Churches in the different Dioceses, together with copies of the necessary testimonials; and if the major number of the Standing Committees shall consent to the proposed consecration, the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned shall forward the evidence of such consent, together with other testimonials, to the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, or,

*Consent of Stand-
ing Committees.*

^a Canon 3, 1832.

Of Bishops.

in case of his death, to the Bishop who, according to the rules of the House of Bishops, is to preside at the next General Convention, who shall communicate the same to all the Bishops of this Church in the United States; and if a majority of the Bishops consent to the consecration, the Presiding Bishop or Bishops aforesaid, with any two Bishops, may proceed to perform the same, or any three Bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.

Consent of Bishops.

[2.] The evidence of the consent of the different Standing Committees shall be in the form prescribed for the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention; and, without the aforesaid requisites, no consecration shall take place during the recess of the General Convention; but in case the election of a Bishop shall take place within six months before the meeting of the General Convention, all matters relative to the consecration shall be deferred until the said meeting.^a

Evidence of consent.

No consecration within six months of General Convention.

§ iv. No man shall be consecrated a Bishop of this Church until he shall be thirty years old.^b

Age.

§ v. When a Bishop of a Diocese is unable, by reason of old age, or other permanent cause of infirmity, or by reason of the extent of his Diocese, to discharge his Episcopal duties, one Assistant Bishop may be elected by and for the said Diocese, who shall, in all cases, succeed the Bishop in case of surviving him: *Provided*, that before the elec-

Assistant Bishop.

^a Canon 5, 1832.

^b Canon 8, 1832.

Of Bishops.

tion of an Assistant Bishop for the reason of extent of Diocese, the consent of the General Convention, or during the recess thereof, the consent of a majority of the Bishops and of the several Standing Committees, must be had and obtained. The Assistant Bishop shall perform such Episcopal duties, and exercise such Episcopal authority in the Diocese, as the Bishop shall assign to him; and, in case of the Bishop's inability to assign such duties, declared by the Convention of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop shall, during such inability, perform all the duties, and exercise all the authorities which appertain to the office of a Bishop. No person shall be elected or consecrated a Suffragan Bishop, nor shall there be more than one Assistant Bishop in a Diocese at the same time.^a

No Suffragan Bishop.

Provisional Bishop.

§ vi. A Diocese deprived of the services of its Bishop by a sentence of suspension without a precise limitation of time, may proceed to the election of a Provisional Bishop, who, when duly consecrated, shall exercise all the powers and authority of the Bishop of the Diocese during the suspension of such Bishop; and who, in case of the remission of the sentence of the Bishop, and his restoration to the exercise of his jurisdiction, shall perform the duties of Assistant Bishop prescribed by Section v of this Canon; and who in all cases shall succeed to the Bishop on his death or resignation.^b

Assistant on restoration of suspended Bishop.

Of Domestic Missionary Bishops.

§ vii. [1.] The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies may, from time to time, on nomination by the House of Bishops, elect a suitable person or per-

^a Canon 6, 1832; as amended, 1871.

^b Canon 3, 1850.

Of Bishops.

sons to be a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, to exercise Episcopal functions in States or Territories, or parts thereof not organized into Dioceses. The evidence of such election shall be a certificate, to be subscribed by a constitutional majority of said House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the form required by Section ii. of this Canon, to be given by the members of Diocesan Conventions on the recommendation of Bishops elect for consecration, which certificate shall be produced to the House of Bishops; and if the House of Bishops shall consent to the consecration, they may take order for that purpose.

*Mode and evidence
of election.*

[2.] The Bishop or Bishops so elected and consecrated, shall exercise Episcopal functions in such States and Territories, or parts thereof, in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and under such regulations and instructions, not inconsistent therewith, as the House of Bishops may prescribe; and the House of Bishops may, at any time, increase or diminish the number of States or Territories, or parts thereof, over which the said Bishop or Bishops shall exercise Episcopal functions.

*Exercise of
Episcopal
functions.*

[3.] In case of the death or resignation of a Missionary Bishop, or of vacancy by other cause, the charge of the vacant Missionary Episcopate shall devolve on the senior Bishop of this Church, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in said charge.

*Extent of
jurisdiction.*

[4.] The jurisdiction of this Church extending in right, though not always in form, to all persons

Vacancy.

*Jurisdiction over
Clergy, and mode
of exercising it.*

Of Bishops.

belonging to it within the United States, it is hereby enacted that each Missionary Bishop shall have jurisdiction over the Clergy in the district assigned him; and in case a presentment and trial of a Clergyman become proper, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee appointed by the Missionary Bishop as is hereinafter provided for may make presentment; and the trial shall take place according to the Constitution and Canons of any Diocese of this Church which may have been selected by the said Missionary Bishop at the time of the appointment of such Standing Committee: *Provided*, that the Court shall be composed of at least three Presbyters, excluding the members of the Standing Committee and the accused. And if there be not a sufficient number of qualified Presbyters within his jurisdiction, the said Missionary Bishop may call to his aid Presbyters of any Diocese or Missionary jurisdiction sufficiently near.

[5.] Any Bishop or Bishops elected and consecrated under this Section shall be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, and shall be eligible to the office of Diocesan Bishop in any organized Diocese within the United States. And whenever a Diocese shall have been organized within the jurisdiction of such Missionary Bishop, if he shall be chosen Bishop of such Diocese, he may accept the office without vacating his Missionary appointment: *Provided*, that he continue to discharge the duties of Missionary Bishop within the residue of his original jurisdiction, if there be such residue.

• As amended, 1877.

Proviso.

*Entitled to seat
in the House
of Bishops.*

*Eligible as a
Diocesan.*

*Power upon the
organization
of a Diocese.*

Proviso.

Of Bishops.

[6.] Every such Bishop shall yearly appoint two Presbyters, and two Laymen communicants of this Church, resident within his Missionary jurisdiction, to perform the duties of a Standing Committee for such jurisdiction, who shall continue in office till their successors are appointed: *Provided*, that no Standing Committee constituted under this Section shall have power to give or refuse assent to the consecration of a Bishop.

*Power to appoint
a Standing
Committee.*

Proviso.

[7.] Every such Bishop shall report to each General Convention his proceedings, and the state and condition of the Church within his Missionary jurisdiction; and, at least once a year, make a report to the Board of Missions.^a

*Report to General
Convention,*

*and to the Board
of Missions.*

§ viii. [1.] The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies may, from time to time, on nomination by the House of Bishops, elect a suitable person or persons to be a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, to exercise Episcopal functions in any Missionary station or stations of this Church out of the Territory of the United States, which the House of Bishops, with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, may have designated. The evidence of such election shall be a certificate, to be subscribed by a constitutional majority of said House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, expressing their assent to the said nomination, which certificate shall be produced to the House of Bishops; and if the House of Bishops shall consent

*Of Foreign
Missionary
Bishops.*

*Evidence of
election.*

^a Canon 10, 1856; as amended, 1871.

Of Bishops.

to the consecration, they may take order for that purpose.

[2.] Any Bishop elected and consecrated under this Section, or any foreign Missionary Bishop heretofore consecrated to exercise Episcopal functions in any place or country which may have been thus designated, shall have no jurisdiction, except in the place or country for which he has been elected and consecrated. He shall^a be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, but shall not^a become a Diocesan Bishop in any organized Diocese within the United States, unless with the consent of three fourths of all the Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and also of three fourths of the Clerical and Lay Deputies present at the Session of the General Convention, or, in the recess of the General Convention, with the consent of the Standing Committees of three fourths of the Dioceses.

[3.] Any Bishop or Bishops consecrated under this Section, or any Foreign Missionary Bishop heretofore consecrated, shall, on presentment by two thirds of the Missionaries under his charge, for immorality or heresy, or for a violation of the Constitution or Canons of this Church, be tried, and, if found guilty, sentenced, in all particulars as if he were actually resident within the limits of the United States, except that the trial may be within any Diocese in the United States.

[4.] Any Bishop or Bishops elected and consecrated under this Section, or any Foreign Mission-

^a These words were thus altered in 1865.

Limitation of jurisdiction.

Shall have a seat in the House of Bishops.

Restriction upon eligibility as a Diocesan.

Mode of presenting and trying.

Power to ordain Deacons or Presbyters.

Of Bishops.

any Bishop heretofore consecrated, or any Bishop to whom the exercise of Episcopal powers and functions in a foreign Church or Congregation shall have been assigned by the Presiding Bishop, may ordain as Deacons or Presbyters, to officiate within the limits of their respective Missions, or in such foreign Church or Congregation, any persons, of the age required by the Canons of this Church, who shall exhibit to him or them the testimonials required by Canons 6 and 8 of this Title, signed by not less than two of the ordained Missionaries of this Church who may be subject to his or their charge, or by two Presbyters of this Church, in good standing, connected with such foreign Church or Congregation.

*Testimonials
necessary in
such case.*

Provided, nevertheless, that if there be only one ordained Missionary attached to the Mission, or only one Presbyter of this Church connected with such foreign Church or Congregation, and capable of acting at the time, the signature of a Presbyter in good standing under the jurisdiction of any Bishop in communion with this Church may be admitted to supply the deficiency.^a

Proviso.

[5.] Any Foreign Missionary Bishop consecrated under this Section, or heretofore consecrated, may, by and with the advice of two Presbyters, one of whom, if necessity require, shall be a Presbyter in good standing under the jurisdiction of any Bishop in communion with this Church, dispense with those studies required from a Candidate for Deacon's Orders by the Canons of this Church :

*Power of dis-
pensation.*

^a This Section was thus amended in 1865.

Of Bishops.

Proviso.

Provided, that no person shall be ordained by him who has not passed a satisfactory examination, in the presence of two Presbyters, as to his theological learning and aptitude to teach : and *Provided*, further, that no person shall be ordained by him until he shall have been a Candidate for at least three years. Nor shall any Deacon, so ordained, be advanced to the Order of Presbyters, who has not been in Deacon's Orders for at least one year. Nor shall any Deacon or Priest, who shall have been ordained under this Section, be allowed to hold any cure, or officiate in the Church in these United States, until he shall have complied with existing Canons relating to the learning of persons to be ordained.

Proviso.

Restrictions.

*Jurisdiction
over resident
Missionaries or
Clergymen.*

[6.] Any Foreign Missionary Bishop or Bishops elected and consecrated under this Section, or any Foreign Missionary Bishop heretofore consecrated, shall have jurisdiction and government according to the Canons of this Church over all Missionaries or Clergymen of this Church, resident in the district or country for which he or they may have been consecrated.

*May appoint
Standing
Committee.*

[7.] Every such Bishop may yearly appoint not less than two nor more than five Presbyters, resident within his Missionary jurisdiction and acting under the appointment of the Board of Missions, to act as a Standing Committee in such Missionary jurisdiction, upon all questions pertaining to the interests of such Missionary jurisdiction ; and, in case of the absence of the Bishop from his jurisdiction, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, said

Of Bishops.

Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of such Missionary jurisdiction.

[8.] If any Minister of this Church, acting under a Foreign Missionary appointment, and within the jurisdiction of a Foreign Missionary Bishop of this Church, shall commit any offence which comes within the provisions of Canon 2 of Title II, *Of Offences for which Ministers may be tried and punished*; or shall refuse obedience to the lawful authority of the Missionary Bishop, such Clergyman shall be proceeded against according to the Constitution and Canons of any Diocese of this Church which may have been selected at the time of the appointment of the Standing Committee of such Missionary jurisdiction: *Provided*, that a presentment shall first be made by the members of said Standing Committee, or, if the accused party be a member of the Standing Committee, by the other member or members thereof.

[9.] The Court for the trial of such Minister shall consist of five Presbyters, excluding the members of the Standing Committee; or, if there be not five, then of all the members of such Missionary jurisdiction. If there be more than five, then shall the Standing Committee select, by lot, the five who shall compose the Court, which Court shall proceed in the trial, according to the Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, so far as the same may be applicable to such a case; and where no provision is made adequate to the exigency, the Court shall consider and adjudge the case according to the principles of law and equity.

*Trial of Ministers.**Proviso.**The Court.*

Of Bishops.

Sentence.

[10.] The sentence of the Court shall be rendered to the Bishop of such Missionary jurisdiction, who shall have power to revise and modify the same, and the decision of the Bishop shall be final and conclusive.

Report to be made to General Convention and Board of Missions.

[11.] Every Bishop elected and consecrated under this Section, or Foreign Missionary Bishop heretofore consecrated, shall report to each General Convention his proceedings and acts, and the state of the Mission under his supervision. He shall also make a similar report at least once a year to the Board of Missions of this Church.^a

Election of a Missionary Bishop as a Diocesan.

§ ix. [1.] When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect as its Diocesan a Missionary Bishop of this Church, if such election shall have taken place within three months before a meeting of the General Convention, evidence thereof shall be laid before each House of the General Convention, and the concurrence of each House, and its express consent, shall be necessary to the validity of said election, and shall complete the same; so that the Bishop thus elected shall be thereafter the Bishop of the Diocese which has elected him.

Concurrence of General Convention.

Election during recess.

[2.] If the said election have taken place more than three months before a meeting of the General Convention, the above process may be adopted, or the following instead thereof, viz.: The Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee of

^a Canon 1, 1850.

Of Bishops.

every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned shall transmit notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee of each vacant Diocese, which notice shall state what Bishops and what Standing Committees have consented to the election. And the same Committee shall transmit to every Congregation in the Diocese concerned, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election to the Episcopate thereof of the Bishop thus elected, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.^a

*Consent of Bishops
and Standing
Committees.*

Notice of election.

§ x. It is deemed proper that every Bishop of this Church shall deliver, at least once in three years, a charge to the Clergy of his Diocese, unless prevented by reasonable cause. And it is also deemed proper that, from time to time, he shall address to the people of his Diocese Pastoral Letters on some points of Christian doctrine, worship, or manners.^b

*Of Episcopal
charges and
Pastoral letters.*

§ xi. [1.] Every Bishop in this Church shall visit the Churches within his Diocese at least once in three years, for the purpose of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behavior of his Clergy, administering the Apostolic rite of Confirmation, ministering the Word, and, if he think

*Of Episcopal
visitations.*

^a Canon 9, 1856.

^b Canon 26, 1832.

Of Bishops.

Declining to visit.

Council of Conciliation.

Proviso.

Clergy to supply the Bishop's Parish.

fit, administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to the people committed to his charge. And if a Bishop shall decline, for more than three years, to visit a Parish or Congregation, for reasons which to him shall seem sufficient, it shall be the duty of the Rector or Minister, and Vestry, or of one of them, to apply to the Presiding Bishop, to appoint the five Bishops in charge of Dioceses, who live nearest to the Diocese in which such Church or Congregation may be situated, to act as a Council of Conciliation, who shall amicably determine all matters of difference between the parties, and each party shall conform to the decision of the Council in the premises. If the Presiding Bishop shall be the party within whose jurisdiction the Parish or Congregation may be, then the application shall be made to the Bishop next in seniority. And in any such case as is above mentioned, the Bishop within whose jurisdiction the Parish or Congregation may be, may, at any time, if he please, apply himself to the Presiding Bishop, for a Council of Conciliation: *Provided*, that if, by the action of the General Convention, any Canon shall hereafter be made for the establishment of a Council or Councils of Conciliation, for the general purpose of amicably reconciling differences of this or any other kind, then such a case as is above named shall be referred to such general Council of Conciliation, and the parties shall abide by its decision.

[2.] To enable the Bishop, who may be Rector of a Church, to make his official visitation, it shall

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be the duty of the Clergy, in such reasonable rotation as may be devised, to officiate for him in the performance of his parochial duties, provision being made for the payment of their expenses.

[3.] It is left to each Diocese to make provision, in such way as it may deem proper, for defraying the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitation.

Expenses of visitation.

[4.] The Bishop shall keep a register of his proceedings at every visitation of his Diocese.^a

Register to be kept.

§ xii. It is the duty of every Bishop of this Church to reside within his Diocese.^b

Of Episcopal residence.

§ xiii. It shall be lawful for any Bishop of a Diocese who is about to leave, or has left, his Diocese, with the intention of going out of the limits of the United States, or, if remaining out of his Diocese for the space of three calendar months although without leaving the United States, to authorize, by writing under his hand and seal, the Assistant Bishop, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee of such Diocese, to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof. The Assistant Bishop or Standing Committee so authorized, shall thereupon become the Ecclesiastical Authority of such Diocese, to all intents and purposes, until such writing shall be revoked, or the Bishop shall return within the Diocese: *Provided*, that nothing in this Canon shall be so construed as to prevent any Bishop who may have signed such writing from

Of Bishops absent temporarily from their Dioceses.

Provido.

^aCanon 2, 1856.

^bCanon 1, 1856.

Of Bishops.

exercising his jurisdiction himself, so far as the same may be practicable, during his absence from his Diocese, or from permitting and authorizing any other Bishop to perform Episcopal offices for him.^a

Forms of prayer or thanksgiving for extraordinary occasions.

§ xiv. The Bishop of each Diocese may compose forms of prayer or thanksgiving, as the case may require, for extraordinary occasions, and transmit them to each Clergyman within his Diocese, whose duty it shall be to use such forms in his Church on such occasions. And the Clergy in those States or Dioceses or other places within the bounds of this Church in which there is no Bishop, may use the form of prayer or thanksgiving composed by the Bishop of any Diocese. The Bishop in each Diocese may also compose forms of prayer to be used before legislative and other public bodies.^b

Performance of Episcopal duties in vacant Dioceses, etc.

§ xv. [1.] Any Bishop, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, or where the Bishop is for the time under a disability to perform Episcopal offices by reason of a judicial sentence, visit and perform Episcopal offices in that Diocese, or in any part thereof; and this invitation may be temporary, and it may at any time be revoked.

Invitation temporary and revocable.

Full charge of another Bishop.

[2.] A Diocese without a Bishop, or of which the Bishop is for the time under a disability by reason

^a Canon 3, 1853.

^b Canon 47, 1832.

Of Bishops.

of a judicial sentence, may, by its Convention, be placed under the full Episcopal charge and authority of the Bishop of another Diocese, or of a Missionary Bishop, who shall by that act be authorized to perform all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese so vacant or having the Bishop disabled: until, in the case of a vacant Diocese, a Bishop be duly elected and consecrated for the same; and, in the case of a Diocese whose Bishop is disqualified as aforesaid, until the disqualification be removed; or until, in either case, the said act of the Convention be revoked.

[3.] No Diocese thus placed under the full charge and authority of the Bishop of another Diocese, or of a Missionary Bishop, shall invite a second Bishop to perform any Episcopal duty, or exercise authority, till its connection with the first Bishop has expired or is revoked.^a

§ xvi. [1.] If, during the session of the General Convention, or within six calendar months before the meeting of any such Convention, a Bishop shall desire to resign his jurisdiction, he shall make known, in writing, to the House of Bishops such his desire, together with the reasons moving him thereto; whereupon the House of Bishops may investigate the whole case of the proposed resignation, including not only the facts and reasons that may be set forth in the application for the proposed resignation, but any other facts and circumstances bearing upon it, so that the whole subject of the

*No other Bishop
to officiate during
such charge.*

*Of Episcopal
resignations.*

Investigation.

^a Canon 4, 1847.

Of Bishops.

*House of Bishops
to accept or refuse.*

propriety or necessity of such resignation may be placed fully before the House of Bishops.

[2.] An investigation having thus been made, the House of Bishops may decide on the application; and, by a vote of a majority of those present, accept or refuse to accept such resignation; and in all cases of a proposed resignation, the Bishops shall cause their proceedings to be recorded on their journal; and in case of acceptance, the resignation shall be complete when thus recorded; and notice thereof shall be given to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

*Resignation
during recess.*

[3.] In case a Bishop should desire to resign at any period not within six calendar months before the meeting of a General Convention, he shall make known to the Presiding Bishop such his desire, with the reasons moving him thereunto; whereupon the Presiding Bishop shall communicate, without delay, a copy of the same to every Bishop of this Church having Ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and also to the Standing Committee of the Diocese to which the Bishop desiring to resign may belong; and, at the same time, summon said Bishops to meet him in person, at a place to be by him designated and at a time not less than three calendar months from the date of his summons; and should a number not less than a majority of all the said Bishops meet at the time and place designated, they shall then have all the powers given by the previous clauses of this Section to the House of Bishops; and should a number less than a majority assemble, they shall have power to adjourn from time to time, until they can secure

*The Bishops
to meet.*

Of Bishops.

the attendance of a majority of all the said Bishops. Should a proposed resignation of a Bishop be accepted at any meeting of the Bishops for that purpose held during a recess, then it shall be the duty of the Senior Bishop present to pronounce such resignation complete, and to communicate the same to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese, who shall cause the same to be communicated to the several Clergymen in charge of congregations therein. And it shall be the further duty of the Presiding Bishop to cause such resignation to be formally recorded on the Journal of the House of Bishops that may meet in General Convention next thereafter. If the Bishop desirous of resigning should be the Presiding Bishop, then all the duties directed in this Section to be performed by the Presiding Bishop shall devolve upon the Bishop next in seniority.

[4.] No Bishop whose resignation of the Episcopal jurisdiction of a Diocese has been consummated pursuant to this Section, shall, under any circumstances, be eligible to any Diocese now in union, or which may hereafter be admitted into union, with this Church; nor shall he have a seat in the House of Bishops; but he may perform Episcopal acts at the request of any Bishop of this Church having Ecclesiastical jurisdiction, within the limits of his Diocese.

[5.] A Bishop who ceases to have the Episcopal charge of a Diocese shall still be subject in all matters to the Canons and authority of the General Convention.

*Notice.**Record.**If Presiding Bishop.**Resigned Bishop not eligible to a Diocese.**Bishops without charge subject to General Convention.*

Of Bishops.

Resignation of suspended Bishop.

[6.] In case a suspended Bishop of this Church should desire to resign at any period not within six calendar months before the meeting of a General Convention, he shall make known by letter to the Presiding Bishop such desire; whereupon the Presiding Bishop shall communicate a copy of the same to each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction; and, in case a majority of such Bishops shall return to the Presiding Bishop their written assent to such resignation, the same shall be deemed valid and final; and written information of the said resignation shall at once be communicated by the Presiding Bishop to the Bishop and Diocese concerned, and to each Bishop of this Church.^a

Notice.

Vacancy in Missionary Jurisdiction during the recess.

§ xvii. [1.] If during the recess of the General Convention, and more than six months previous to its session, any vacancy arise, either by death, resignation, or other cause, in the office of any Missionary Bishop of this Church (whether Domestic or Foreign), the House of Bishops shall, on the written request of twelve members of the same, be convened by the Presiding Bishop, or, in case of his death, by the Bishop who, according to the rules of the House of Bishops, is to preside at the next General Convention; and thereupon may proceed to fill any and every such vacancy that may then exist, by electing a suitable person or persons to be a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, to exercise Episcopal functions within the

The House of Bishops to meet, and elect.

^a Canon 2, 1850.

Of Bishops.

district, country, territory, station, or jurisdiction, where such vacancy or vacancies may exist; and in case of such election, they shall, by the Presiding Bishop, or by some person or persons specially appointed, communicate the fact of such election to the Standing Committees of the Churches in the different Dioceses; and each Standing Committee that shall consent to the proposed consecration shall forward the evidence of such consent to the Presiding Bishop, or Bishop as aforesaid. And if the major number of the Standing Committees shall consent to the proposed consecration, the Presiding or other Bishop as aforesaid shall forward copies of the evidence of such consent to each Bishop of this Church then within the limits of the United States; and if a majority of such Bishops consent to the consecration, the Presiding Bishop or Bishop aforesaid, with any two Bishops, or any three Bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials, may proceed to perform the same.

[2.] The evidence of the consent of the different Standing Committees shall be in the form prescribed for the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention; and without the aforesaid requisites no consecration shall take place of any Missionary Bishop elected during the recess of the General Convention.

[3.] Every Bishop elected and consecrated under this Section shall have the several functions, jurisdiction, powers, and rights granted by any Canon or Canons of this Church to Missionary

Majority of Standing Committees to consent.

*Majority of Bishops to consent.
Consecration.*

Form of the consent of Standing Committees.

Rights of Missionary Bishops thus consecrated.

Subject to General Convention.

Of a List of the Ministers of this Church.

Bishops, whether Domestic or Foreign, according as such Bishop shall be elected to be a Domestic or a Foreign Missionary Bishop; and shall in all matters be subject to the Canons and authority of the General Convention.^a

CANON 16.

Of a List of the Ministers of this Church.

Secretary of the Lower House to keep a register.

§ i. The Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies shall keep a register of all the Clergy of this Church, whose names shall be delivered to him in the following manner, that is to say: Every Bishop of this Church, or where there is no Bishop the Standing Committee of the Diocese, shall, at the time of every General Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the said Secretary, a list of the names of all the Ministers of this Church in their proper Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations in any colleges or other seminaries of learning; or, in regard to those who have not any cures or other stations, their places of residence only; and also, with particulars of time and place, of all Ministers belonging to the Diocese, who had been ordained to the Diaconate or the Priesthood, or have been deposed, or have died, since the preceding General Convention; and the said list shall, from time to time, be published in the journals of the General Convention.^b

^aThis Section was added in 1865, and the Canon was renumbered, 1874.

^bCanon 48, 1832; as amended, 1868.

Mode of Securing an Accurate View, etc.

§ ii. And, further, it is recommended to the several Bishops of this Church, and to the several Standing Committees, that, during the intervals between the meetings of the General Convention, they take such means of notifying the admission of Ministers among them as, in their discretion, respectively, they shall think effectual to the purpose of preventing ignorant and unwary people from being imposed on by persons pretending to be authorized Ministers of this Church.^a

Notification of admitted Ministers.

CANON 17.

Of the Mode of Securing an Accurate View of the State of the Church.

§ i. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or if the parish be vacant the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or where there is no Bishop to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in his Parish or Church; also the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish; also of the amount of the Communion alms, the contributions for Missions, Diocesan, Domestic, and Foreign, for Parochial Schools, for Church purposes

Statement by Ministers in Parochial Reports.

^a Canon 48, 1832; renumbered, 1874.

Mode of Securing an Accurate View, etc.

Clergymen not settled, to report services.

in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every Clergyman, not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed ; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

Bishop's Address.

§ ii. At every Annual Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall deliver an Address, stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention ; the names of the Churches which he has visited ; the number of persons confirmed ; the names of those who have been received as Candidates for Orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended, or degraded ; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy ; and in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese ; which address shall be inserted on the journals.

§ iii. At every General Convention, the journals of the different Diocesan Conventions, since the last General Convention, together with such other papers, viz., Episcopal charges, addresses, and pastoral letters, as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church in each Diocese, shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

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A Committee shall then be appointed to draw up a view of the state of the Church, and to make report to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies ; which report, when agreed to by the said House, shall be sent to the House of Bishops, with the request that they will draw up, and cause to be published, a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church. And it is hereby made the duty of every clergyman having a pastoral charge, when any such Letter is published, to read the said Pastoral Letter to his congregation on some occasion of public worship.

Committee on the state of the Church.

Pastoral Letter,

to be read to every Congregation.

§ iv. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, or of the person or persons with whom the journals or other Ecclesiastical papers are lodged, to forward to the House of Deputies, at every General Convention, on or before the first Monday of the session, the documents and papers specified in this Canon.

Duty of Diocesan Secretaries.

§ v. It shall be the duty of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Church in every Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee only, to prepare, previously to the meeting of every General Convention, a condensed report, and a tabular view of the state of the Church in their Diocese, comprising therein a summary of the statistics from the parochial reports, and from the Bishop's addresses, specifying, as far as possible, the capital and proceeds of the Episcopal fund, and of all Benevolent and Mis-

Recommendation of Bishop, etc.

Condensed summary.

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CANON 18.

Of Publishing Editions, etc.

to be presented to the Secretary.

sionary associations of Churchmen within the Diocese, and present the same to the Secretary of the House of Deputies on or before the first Monday of the session, for the purpose of aiding the Committee on the State of the Church, appointed by the House of Deputies, in drafting their reports.^a

Church Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, and Asylums to report annually.

§ vi. All incorporated schools, all parochial schools, all academies and colleges, and all hospitals, asylums for orphans or other children of either sex, maintained at the expense, or conducted under the management of members of this Church, are expected to report annually to the Bishop of the Diocese at the annual Convention, such reports to be disposed of as the parochial reports; and at every General Convention the tabular view of the state of the Church in each Diocese, and the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, shall include the results of such reports.^b

To be included in triennial tabular view.

CANON 18.

Of the Mode of Publishing Authorized Editions of the Standard Bible of this Church.

Editions of the Bible to be corrected by the Standard.

The Bishop of this Church in any Diocese, or where there is no Bishop the Standing Committee, is authorized to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons to compare and correct all new editions of the Bible by the standard edition

^a Canon 12, 1853; amended, 1874.

^b This Section was added in 1862; and the Canon renumbered, 1874.

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agreed upon by the General Convention, and a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected shall be published with said book.^a

Certificate.

CANON 19.

Of Publishing Editions of the Book of Common Prayer.

§ i. The Bishop of this Church in any Diocese, or where there is no Bishop the Standing Committee thereof, shall appoint one or more Presbyters of the Diocese, who shall compare and correct all new editions of the Common Prayer Book, the Articles, Offices, Metre Psalms and Hymns, by a copy of the standard edition; and a certificate of said editions having been so compared and corrected shall be published with the same. And in case any edition shall be published without such correction, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to give public notice that such edition is not authorized by the Church.

*Correct editions of the Prayer Book, etc.**Certificate.*

§ ii. [1.] The octavo edition of the Book of Common Prayer, Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, Articles of Religion, and the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, set forth by the General Convention, in the year of our Lord 1871,

What is the standard edition.

^a Canon 44, 1832; renumbered, 1874.

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Of the Due Celebration of Sundays.

and published by the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, is hereby declared to be the standard edition.

Custodian to be appointed.

[2.] The stereotype plates of the said edition shall be in the custody of a Presbyter appointed by the General Convention, and no alteration, correction, or emendation of any sort in the said plates shall be made except under the direction of the said custodian, acting with the advice and consent of a Joint Committee, appointed by the General Convention, consisting of two Bishops and two Presbyters; and all alterations, corrections, and emendations thus made shall be reported by the said custodian, in writing, to the next General Convention, and entered upon the Journal of the House of Deputies.^a

CANON 20.

Of the Due Celebration of Sundays.

Observance of the Lord's Day.

All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the Word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation.^b

^a Canon 7, 1847; as amended, 1871; renumbered, 1874.

^b Canon 41, 1832.

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CANON 21.

Of Parochial Instruction.

The Ministers of this Church who have charge of parishes or cures, shall not only be diligent in instructing the children in the Catechism, but shall also, by stated catechetical lectures and instruction, be diligent in informing the youth and others in the Doctrine, Constitution, and Liturgy of the Church.^a

*Parochial
Instruction.*

CANON 22.

Of the Use of the Book of Common Prayer.

§ i. Every Minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, and on all other occasions of public worship, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same is or may be established by the authority of the General Convention of this Church; and in performing such service, no other prayers shall be used than those prescribed by the said Book.^b

*Use of the Book of
Common Prayer.*

§ ii. [1.] If any Bishop have reason to believe, or if complaint be made to him in writing by two or more of his Presbyters, that within his jurisdiction ceremonies or practices not ordained or authorized in the Book of Common Prayer, and setting forth or symbolizing erroneous or doubtful doctrines, have been introduced by any Minister

*Introduction of
ceremonies or
practices not
ordained or
authorized in the
Book of Common
Prayer.*

^a Canon 28, 1832.

^b Canon 45, 1832.

Of the Use of the Book of Common Prayer.

Specifications.

during the celebration of the Holy Communion (such as,

a. The elevation of the Elements in the Holy Communion in such manner as to expose them to the view of the people as objects toward which adoration is to be made.

b. Any act of adoration of or toward the Elements in the Holy Communion, such as bowings, prostrations, or genuflections; and

c. All other like acts not authorized by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer:)

It shall be the duty of such Bishop to summon the Standing Committee as his Council of Advice, and with them to investigate the matter.

[2.] If, after investigation, it shall appear to the Bishop and Standing Committee that ceremonies or practices not ordained or authorized as aforesaid, and setting forth or symbolizing erroneous or doubtful doctrines, have in fact been introduced as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, by instrument of writing under his hand, to admonish the Minister so offending to discontinue such practices or ceremonies; and if the Minister shall disregard such admonition, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to cause him to be tried for a breach of his ordination vow.

The Minister to be admonished

and tried.

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the presentment, trial, and punishment of any Minister under the provisions of Section i, Canon 2, Title II of the Digest.

[3.] In all investigations under the provisions of this Canon, the Minister whose acts or practices are

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the subject-matter of the investigation, shall be notified, and have opportunity to be heard in his defence. The charges preferred, and the findings of the Bishop and Standing Committee, shall be in writing, and a record shall be kept of the proceedings in the case.^a

The accused Minister to be notified.

Record to be kept.

CANON 23.

Of Church Music.

§ i. The Selection of the Psalms in metre, and Hymns which are set forth by authority, and Anthems in the words of Holy Scripture, are allowed to be sung in all Congregations of this Church before and after Morning and Evening Prayer, and also before and after sermons, at the discretion of the Minister, whose duty it shall be, by standing directions, or from time to time, to appoint such authorized Psalms, Hymns, or Anthems as are to be sung.

Psalms, Hymns, and Anthems which may be sung.

§ ii. It shall be the duty of every Minister of this Church, with such assistance as he may see fit to employ from persons skilled in music, to give order concerning the tunes to be sung at any time in his church, and especially it shall be his duty to suppress all light and unseemly music, and all indecency and irreverence in the performance by which vain and ungodly persons profane the service of the sanctuary.

The Minister to give order concerning the tunes.

^a This Section enacted, 1874.

Of the Consecration of Churches.

CANON 24.

Of the Consecration of Churches.

Building and ground to be paid for before consecration.

§ i. No Church or Chapel shall be consecrated until the Bishop shall have been sufficiently certified that the building and ground on which it is erected have been fully paid for, and are free from lien or other incumbrance; and also that such building and ground are secured, by the terms of the devise, or deed, or subscription by which they are given, from the danger of alienation from those who profess and practise the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, except in the cases provided for in Sections ii and iii of this Canon: *Provided*, that this shall not preclude the alienation of lots for burial in vaults or otherwise, nor apply to land owned by the Church corporation and not necessary for religious uses.

Bishop's consent necessary to the incumbrance or alienation of a consecrated church.

§ ii. It shall not be lawful for any Vestry, Trustees, or other body authorized by law of any State or Territory, to hold property for any Diocese, Parish, or Congregation, to incumber or alienate any consecrated Church or Chapel without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such Church or Chapel be situated: *Provided*, that this section shall not be operative in any State with the laws of which, relating to the title and holding of property by religious corporations, the same may conflict.

Of the Consecration of Churches.

§ iii. No consecrated Church or Chapel shall be removed, taken down, or otherwise disposed of for any "unhallowed, worldly, or common use," without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such Church or Chapel may be situate.*

*Consent necessary
in other instances.*

* Canon of 1868; as amended, 1871.

Title II.

OF DISCIPLINE.

CANON 1.

Of Amenability and Citations.

To whom Ministers are amenable.

§ i. EVERY minister shall be amenable, for offences committed by him, to the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop to the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, of the Diocese in which he is canonically resident at the time of the charge.

Mode of serving citations.

§ ii. Unless a Diocesan Convention shall otherwise provide, a citation to any Minister to appear, at a certain time and place, for the trial of an offence, shall be deemed to be duly served upon him if a copy thereof be left at his last place of abode within the United States, sixty days before the day of appearance named therein; and in case such Minister has departed from the United States, by also publishing, six months before the said day of appearance, a copy of such citation in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which the Minister is cited to appear.^a

Of notices in general.

§ iii. A notice or citation required by any Canon of this Church, when no other mode of service is provided, may be served by leaving a copy with

^a Canon 5, 1835.

Of Offences for which Ministers may be Tried, etc.

the party, or at his last place of abode within the United States; and if he shall have left the United States, by also publishing a copy thereof in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State or Territory where such party last resided.^a

CANON 2.

Of Offences for which Ministers may be Tried and Punished.

§ i. Every Minister of this Church shall be liable to presentment and trial for the following offences, viz.:

*Punishable
offences.*

[1.] Crime or immorality.

[2.] Holding and teaching publicly or privately, and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

[3.] Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention.

[4.] Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese to which he belongs.

[5.] Any act which involves a breach of his Ordination vows.

And, on being found guilty, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, according to the Canons of the Diocese in which the trial takes place, until otherwise provided for by the General Convention.^b

^a Added, 1859.

^b Canon of 1868.

Misdemeanor in another Diocese.

Proceedings on public rumor.

§ ii. If a Minister of this Church shall be accused, by public rumor, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or of living in the habitual disuse of public worship or of the Holy Eucharist according to the Offices of this Church, or of being guilty of any or either of the offences enumerated in Section i, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, to see that an inquiry be instituted as to the truth of such public rumor. And, in case of the individual being proceeded against and convicted according to such rules or process as may be provided by the Conventions of the respective Dioceses, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, as the nature of the case may require, in conformity with their respective Constitutions and Canons.^a

Punishments.

CANON 3.

Of a Clergyman in one Diocese or Missionary District chargeable with Misdemeanor in another.

Offence committed in a different Diocese.

§ i. If a Clergyman of this Church, belonging to any Diocese or Missionary District, shall have conducted himself in any other Diocese or Missionary District in such a way as to be liable to presentment under the provisions of Canon 2, Title II, the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof shall give notice of the same to the Ecclesiastical Authority

^a Canon 37, 1832; as amended, 1868.

Misdemeanor in another Diocese.

where he is canonically resident, exhibiting, with the information given, reasonable ground for presuming its correctness. If the Ecclesiastical Authority, when thus notified, shall omit, for the space of three months, to proceed against the offending Clergyman, or shall request the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary District in which the offence or offences are alleged to have been committed, to proceed against him, it shall be within the power of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary District within which the offence or offences are alleged to have been committed, to institute proceedings according to the mode provided by the Convention thereof; and the decision given shall be conclusive.

§ ii. If a Clergyman shall come temporarily into any Diocese, under the imputation of having elsewhere been guilty of any crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the Canons or otherwise, or if any Clergyman, while sojourning in any Diocese, shall misbehave in any of these respects, the Bishop, upon probable cause, may admonish such Clergyman, and forbid him to officiate in said Diocese. And if, after such prohibition, the said Clergyman so officiate, the Bishop shall give notice to all the Clergy and Congregations in said Diocese, that the officiating of the said Clergyman is, under any and all circumstances, prohibited; and like notice shall be given to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, of the Diocese to which the said Clergyman belongs. And such pro-

*Notice to authority
of offender's
Diocese.*

*Proceedings on
neglect to act.*

*Bishop may ad-
monish and for-
bid officiating.*

*Notice of
prohibition.*

Of the Dissolution of a Pastoral Connection.

Prohibition, how long to continue.

hibition shall continue in force until the Bishop of the first-named Diocese be satisfied of the innocence of the said Clergyman, or until he be acquitted on trial.

Applicable to Clergymen ordained in foreign countries.

Notice of prohibition.

§ iii. The provisions of the last Section shall apply to Clergymen ordained in foreign countries by Bishops in communion with this Church: *Provided*, that in such case notice of the prohibition shall be given to the Bishop under whose jurisdiction the Clergyman shall appear to have last been, and also to all the Bishops exercising jurisdiction in this Church.^a

CANON 4.

Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations, and of the Dissolution of a Pastoral Connection.

Resignation or removal of a Rector.

§ i. A Rector, canonically elected and in charge, or an Instituted Minister, may not resign his Parish without consent of the said Parish or its Vestry (if the Vestry be authorized to act in the premises); nor may such Rector or Minister be removed therefrom by said Parish or Vestry against his will, except as hereinafter provided.

Separation and dissolution of Pastoral connection.

§ ii. In case any urgent reason or reasons should occasion a wish in a Rector or Minister as aforesaid, or in the Parish committed to his charge, to bring about a separation and a dissolution of all

^a Canon 6, 1850; amended, 1874.

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pastoral relation between such Minister and Parish, and the parties be not agreed in respect of such separation and dissolution, notice of such desire and disagreement may be given by either party to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, in writing. And in case of any difference between the Minister and Parish or Vestry as aforesaid, which may not be satisfactorily settled by the godly judgment of the Bishop alone, or which he may decline to consider without counsel, the Bishop (or if the Diocese be vacant, any Bishop selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority), acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, or with that of the Presbyters only of said Standing Committee (if both parties shall assent to such limitation in writing), shall be the ultimate arbiter and judge; and refusal to accept and comply with the arbitration and judgment on the part of the Minister aforesaid, shall not work a continuance of lawful and canonical Rectorship or settlement beyond the date fixed, conditionally or otherwise, for its termination by such arbitration and judgment, should such termination be recommended and required; but such pastoral connection shall, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, cease and terminate as therein required. But such refusal shall subject the Minister so refusing to inhibition by the Bishop aforesaid from all ministerial offices and functions within the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction; and such refusal on the part of a Parish shall disqualify it

*Differences, how
to be settled.*

*Penalties for
refusal to comply
with arbitration.*

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from representation in the Convention of the Diocese until it shall have been declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority to have given satisfactory guaranties for the acceptance of and compliance with the arbitration and judgment.

Record of regular dissolution.

§ iii. In case of the regular and canonical dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his congregation, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his Congregation be not regular or canonical, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall lay the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above-mentioned penalties may take effect.

When not obligatory.

§ iv. This Canon shall not be in force in any Diocese which has made, or shall hereafter make, provision by Canon upon this subject, nor in any Diocese with whose laws or charters it may interfere.^a

CANON 5.

Of Renunciation of the Ministry.

Renunciation when no Ecclesiastical proceeding is pending.

§ i. If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare, in writing, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction to which he belongs, his renunciation of

^a Canon 33, 1832; as amended, 1877.

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the Ministry of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority to record the declaration so made; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, of any Bishop who, being requested by the Standing Committee, shall consent to act in the matter, to depose such person from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or more Clergymen, that the person so declaring has been deposed from the Ministry of this Church: *Provided, however*, that if the Bishop shall be satisfied that the person so declaring is not amenable for any canonical offence, and that his renunciation of the Ministry is not occasioned by foregoing misconduct or irregularity, but is voluntary and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect his moral character, he shall so declare in pronouncing and recording said deposition, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so deposed; and he shall also give due notice of such deposition from the Ministry to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction of this Church, in the form in which the same is recorded.

Bishop to depose.

Proviso.

Notice of deposition.

§ ii. If the Ecclesiastical Authority shall have reason to believe that the person so declaring has acted hastily and unadvisedly, action on such declaration may be postponed for the space of not more than six months, during which time such person may withdraw his application.

Action may be suspended for six months.

Abandonment by a Presbyter or Deacon.

Renunciation under liability to presentment.

§ iii. If the Ecclesiastical Authority, to whom such declaration is made, shall have ground to suppose that the person making the same is liable to presentment for any canonical offence, such person may, in the discretion of the said Ecclesiastical Authority, be put upon trial for such offence, notwithstanding such declaration of renunciation of the Ministry.^a

CANON 6.

Of the Abandonment of the Communion of this Church by a Presbyter or Deacon.

Abandonment without renunciation.

§ i. If any Presbyter or Deacon shall, without availing himself of the provisions of Canon 5 of this Title, abandon the Communion of this Church, by an open renunciation of the doctrine, discipline, or worship of this Church, or by a formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the same, or in any other way, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese to make certificate of the fact to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Bishop of an adjacent Diocese; which certificate shall be recorded, and shall be taken and deemed by the Ecclesiastical Authority as equivalent to a renunciation of the Ministry by the Minister himself, and the said Bishop may then proceed to suspend for six months the Presbyter or Deacon so certified

Certificate.

^a Canon 5, 1850; as amended, 1877.

CANON 7.

Clergyman absenting himself from his Diocese.

as abandoning the Communion of this Church. Notice shall be given to the said Minister by the said Bishop receiving the certificate, that, unless he shall within six months make declaration that the facts alleged in said certificate are false, he will be deposed from the Ministry of this Church.^a

Notice.

§ ii. And if such declaration be not made within six months, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to depose said Minister from the Ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or more Presbyters, that he has been so deposed: *Provided*, nevertheless, that if the Minister so renouncing shall transmit to the Bishop receiving the certificate a retraction of the acts or declarations constituting his offence, the Bishop may, at his discretion, abstain from any further proceedings.^b

Deposition after six months.

Proviso, of retraction.

CANON 7.

Of a Clergyman absenting himself from his Diocese.

When a Clergyman has been absent from the Diocese to which he belongs during five^c years, without reasons satisfactory to the Bishop thereof, he shall be required by the Bishop to declare the cause or causes thereof in writing; and if he refuse to give his reasons, or if they be deemed insufficient by the Bishop, the Bishop may, with the advice and con-

Absence for five years, when ground of suspension.

^a This Section was amended, 1874.

^b Canon of 1859.

^c This word was changed from *two* to *five* in 1862.

Title II.

CANON 8.

Abandonment by a Bishop.

Duration of sentence.

Notice to be given.

sent of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, suspend him from the Ministry ; which suspension shall continue until he shall give, in writing, sufficient reasons for his absence ; or until he shall renew his residence in his Diocese ; or until he shall renounce the Ministry according to Canon 5 of this Title. In the case of such suspension as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese wherein there is no Bishop.^a

CANON 8.

Of the Abandonment of the Communion of the Church by a Bishop.

Abandonment of Communion by a Bishop.

If any Bishop, without availing himself of the provisions of Section xvi of Canon 13 of Title I, abandon the Communion of this Church, either by an open renunciation of the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Church, or by a formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the same, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of said Bishop to make certificate of the fact to the Presiding Bishop, together with a statement of the acts or declarations which prove such abandonment, which certificate shall be recorded by the Presiding Bishop ; and the Presiding Bishop, with the con-

^a Canon 2, 1841.

Abandonment by a Bishop.

sent of the three Bishops next in seniority, shall then suspend said Bishop from the exercise of his office and ministry until such time as the House of Bishops shall consent or refuse to consent to his deposition; and in case the Bishop so abandoning the Communion of the Church be the senior Bishop, the Bishop next in the order of seniority shall be deemed to be and shall act as the Presiding Bishop under this Canon.

Notice shall then be given to said Bishop by the Bishop receiving the certificate, that unless he shall, within six months, make declaration that the facts alleged in said certificate are false, and shall demand a trial, he will be deposed from the Ministry. And if such declaration be not made within six months, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to convene the House of Bishops, and if a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled at the time to seats in the House of Bishops, shall at such meeting give their consent, the said Presiding Bishop, or the senior Bishop present, shall proceed to depose from the Ministry the Bishop so certified as abandoning, and to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Bishops, that he has been so deposed: *Provided*, nevertheless, that if the Bishop so certified as abandoning, shall transmit to the Presiding Bishop a retraction of the acts or declarations constituting his offence, the Bishop may at his discretion abstain from any further proceedings.^a

Notice to be given.

Deposition.

Proviso.

^a Canon of 1859, amended 1874.

Of the Trial of a Bishop.

CANON 9.

Of the Trial of a Bishop.

Offences for which a Bishop may be tried.

§ i. Any Bishop of this Church may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz.: 1. Crime or immorality. 2. Holding and teaching publicly, or privately and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. 3. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention. 4. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese to which he belongs. 5. Any act which involves a breach of his Ordination or Consecration vows.

Charges in writing.

§ ii. [1.] The proceedings shall commence by charges in writing; and, except when the charge is holding and teaching doctrine contrary to that held by this Church, shall be signed by either

By whom to be signed.

Five male communicants of this Church, in good standing, belonging to the Diocese of the accused, of whom two at least must be Presbyters; or,

By seven male communicants of this Church, in good standing, of whom two at least shall be Presbyters, and three of which seven shall belong to the Diocese of the accused.

Action on rumors.

[2.] Whenever a Bishop of this Church shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation rumors, reports, or charges affecting his moral or religious character, he may, if he please, acting in conformity with the written advice and consent of any two of his brother Bishops whom he may

If advised by two Bishops.

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select, demand of the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, or if he be the Bishop affected by such rumors, or if he be related to him within the degrees hereinafter mentioned, then to the Bishop next in seniority not so related, to convene a Board of Inquiry in the mode hereinafter set forth, to investigate such rumors, reports, and charges, and to proceed, in all respects, according to the provisions of this Canon, as if charges had been formally made in either of the two modes first mentioned in this Section.

[3.] Whenever charges are formally made in either of the modes first above mentioned, the accusers may, if they choose, select a lay communicant of this Church, of the profession of the law, to act as their adviser, advocate, and agent, in preparing the accusation, proofs, etc., until such time as a Board of Inquiry is convened in such manner as is hereinafter provided for; or they may prepare such charges themselves, without regard to any particular form; and, in either case, the grounds of accusation must be set forth with reasonable certainty of time, place, and circumstance.

Accusers may choose a lay advocate and agent.

Reasonable certainty of charges.

§ iii. The charges, having been prepared in either of the modes first above mentioned, shall then be delivered to the Presiding Bishop, if he be not the accused, nor related to the accused in any degree mentioned hereinafter in this Canon; in either of which cases the charges shall be delivered to the next Bishop in seniority not so related.

To whom to be delivered.

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Board of Inquiry.

§ iv. A Board for making a preliminary inquiry into charges thus preferred, shall be constituted as follows, whenever such Board shall be necessary, viz. :

How constituted.

[1.] The Presiding Bishop, or senior Bishop, as the case may be, to whom such charges are delivered, shall take the list of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the last General Convention that was held before such charges were presented, and from that list shall choose by lot two Presbyters and two Laymen from the deputation of the Diocese of the accused, and two Presbyters and two Laymen from each of the respective deputations of the three Dioceses adjoining that of the accused; and if there be not three adjoining, of the three nearest thereto; and if more than three Dioceses adjoin that of the accused, those three that have the largest number of canonically resident Presbyters in them shall be accounted adjoining, for the purposes of this Canon; and the sixteen individuals thus selected by lot shall constitute the Board of Inquiry, a majority of whom shall form a quorum for doing business.

Notice to members.

[2.] The Presiding Bishop, or next in seniority, as the case may be, immediately after thus selecting by lot the Board of Inquiry, shall give notice thereof to each member of said Board, and direct him to attend, at a time and place designated by him, and organize the Board; and it shall be the duty of each member so to attend. The place must be within the Diocese of the accused. The Presiding Bishop shall, at the same time, send a

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copy of the charges to the senior Presbyter of those thus selected by lot from the four Dioceses.

[3.] On assembling, the Board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary, and shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who must be a lay communicant of this Church, and of the profession of the law, and who thenceforward shall, in all stages of the proceedings, if a trial be ordered, represent the Church, and be the party on the one hand, while the accused is the party on the other. The sittings of the Board shall be private; the Church Advocate shall not attend as prosecuting counsel, but shall be at all times at hand and in readiness to give his advice in all questions submitted to him by the Board.

[4.] In conducting the investigation, the Board shall hear the accusations, and such proof as the accusers may produce, and shall determine whether, upon matters of law and of fact, as presented to them, there is sufficient ground to put the accused Bishop upon his trial; and in such investigation, as well as in all cases of trial by an Ecclesiastical Court now authorized, or hereafter to be authorized, by the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention, the laws of the State in which such investigation or trial is had, so far as they relate to the law of evidence, shall be adopted and taken as the rules by which the said Board or Court shall be governed. If a majority of the Board present on such investigation shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds to put the accused Bishop upon his trial,

Copy of charges to be sent.

Organization of the Board.

Office of Church Advocate.

Sittings to be private.

Duty of the Board.

Rules of evidence those of the State in which the trial is had.

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Presentment.

they shall direct the Church Advocate to prepare a presentment, to be signed by such of the Board as agree thereto; and to that end shall place in his hands all the charges, together with the testimony that has been laid before the Board.

Copies of presentment to be sent.

[5.] The Board shall then direct the Church Advocate to transmit to the Bishop from whom they received the charges, the presentment thus signed; and shall cause him also, without delay, to send to the accused Bishop a copy of the same, certified by the Church Advocate to be correct.

Refusal to present.

[6.] If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there is not sufficient ground to put the accused Bishop upon his trial, in such case the charges, together with a certificate of the President of the Board of its refusal to make a presentment, shall be sent to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, to be deposited among the archives of that House. And no proceedings shall thereafter be had by way of presentment on such charges, except upon the affidavit of a respectable communicant of the Church of the discovery of new testimony as to the facts charged, and setting forth what such testimony is.

Certificate of refusal.

Bar to future presentment.

Exception.

Limitation of time.

Conviction in a State court.

[7.] No presentment shall be found in any case, unless the alleged offence shall have been committed within five years next before the day on which the charges were delivered to the Presiding or senior Bishop. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alleged offence in a State court, notwithstanding five years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on

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charges delivered to the Presiding or senior Bishop, at any time within one year after such conviction.

§ v. [1.] When a presentment has been made by the Board of Inquiry, or a majority thereof, to the Bishop from whom they receive the charges, it shall be the duty of such Bishop forthwith to give to the accused written notice to attend, at some place not more than one hundred miles from the place of residence of the accused Bishop, and at some time not less than twenty days after the time of serving such notice, either personally, or by some agent authorized by him in writing to act for him in the premises, for the purpose of selecting the Bishops who shall form the Court for the trial of the said accused Bishop upon the said presentment. He shall also give notice to the Church Advocate of the time and place appointed for such selection.

[2.] At the time and place appointed in the notices, the Bishop who has given the notices shall attend; and, in the presence of the accused Bishop, or of his agent authorized as aforesaid, and also in the presence of the Church Advocate, or of such person or persons as may attend in his behalf, or, if no person shall attend on behalf of one or both, of two Presbyters named by himself, the said Bishop shall cause to be placed in a vessel the names of all the Bishops of this Church entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, then being within the territory of the United States, except the accused and those Bishops who may be related to him either by con-

*Notice to accused
upon presentment,*

*and to Church
Advocate.*

*Formation of
the Court.*

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*Eleven names
to be drawn.*

*Eleven reduced
to seven.*

*Notice to members
of the Court.*

*Appointment of
time and place.*

sanguinity or affinity, in the direct ascending or descending line, or as brother, uncle, or nephew. He shall then cause eleven of the said names to be drawn. The names so drawn shall be entered upon a list as they are drawn, and the accused, or his agent, may strike off the list one name, and the said Church Advocate, or his agent, another name, and so on alternately, until the number be reduced to seven. If it shall happen that either party shall neglect or refuse to strike, then the Bishop who has given the notices shall reduce the number to seven by striking off so many of the last drawn names as will reduce the list to that number. The seven Bishops whose names remain, or a majority of them, when assembled, shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused upon the presentment.

[3.] The Court having been thus constituted, the Bishop to whom the presentment was made shall immediately communicate to each Bishop who has thus been by lot designated as one of the triers, the fact that he is a member of the Court. He shall also appoint a time and place for the assembling of the Court. The time shall not be less than two nor more than six calendar months from the day on which the notice should arrive at the most distant Diocese, in the ordinary course of the public mail. The place shall be within the Diocese or Missionary field of the accused Bishop, unless where the same may be of such difficult access, in the judgment of the Presiding or senior Bishop, that reasonable convenience may require the ap-

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pointment of another location. And the said senior Bishop shall cause the Church Advocate to send certified copies of the said presentment to all the Bishops who constitute the Court.

Certified copies.

[4.] The Bishop to whom the presentment has been made shall also immediately communicate to the accused the names of the members of the Court, and inform him of the time and place appointed for its meeting, and summon him then and there to appear and answer. He, or any other Bishop of this Church having charge of a Diocese, shall have power, until the Court assembles, upon the application of either the Church Advocate or the accused, to issue a summons for witnesses.

Summons of the accused.

Power to summon witnesses.

§ vi. The Bishops who constitute the Court, or a majority of them, having assembled according to the notice given them, which notice it is hereby made their duty to obey, shall proceed as follows, viz. :

Course of proceeding on the trial.

[1.] They shall elect a President out of their own number, and appoint a Presbyter of the Church as Clerk, and, if necessary, another Presbyter as Assistant Clerk; and when thus organized, the President shall direct the Clerk to call the names of the Church Advocate and the accused; and if both appear, he shall then cause the Clerk to read the presentment which was delivered to the Presiding or senior Bishop, whose duty it is hereby made to deliver the same to the Court upon its organization.

President.

Clerk.

Reading the presentment.

[2.] The accused shall then be called upon by

The call to plead.

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the Court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him, and his plea shall be duly recorded ; and on his neglect or refusal to plead, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed : *Provided*, that, for sufficient cause, the Court may adjourn from time to time : and *Provided*, also, that the accused shall, at all times during the trial, have liberty to be present, and in due time and order produce his testimony, and to make his defence.

Non-appearance.

[3.] If the accused neglect or refuse to appear in person, according to the notice served on him as aforesaid, except for some reasonable cause to be allowed by the Court, they shall proceed to pronounce him in contumacy, and notify him that sentence of suspension or degradation will be pronounced against him by the Court at the expiration of three months, unless within that time he tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment. But if the accused shall not tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, sentence of suspension or degradation from the Ministry may be pronounced against him by the Court.

*Contumacy.**Three months' grace to appear.**The common law the rule of proceeding.*

[4.] The accused being present, and the trial proceeding, it shall be conducted according to the principles of the common law, as the same are generally administered in the United States ; nor shall any testimony be received at the trial, except from witnesses who have signed a declaration in the following words, to be read aloud before the wit-

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ness testifies, and to be filed with the records of the Court :

I, A. B., a witness summoned to testify on the trial of a presentment against the Right Rev. ———, a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, now pending, do most solemnly call God to witness that the evidence I am about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; so help me God!

And if it be necessary to take the testimony of an absent witness on a commission, such testimony shall be preceded by a similar written declaration of the witness, which shall be filed and transmitted with his or her deposition to the Court. The testimony of each witness shall be reduced to writing. And in case there is ground to suppose that the attendance of any witness on the trial cannot be obtained, it shall be lawful for either party to apply to the Court, if in session, or if not, to any member thereof, who shall thereupon appoint a commissary to take the deposition of such witness; and such party so desiring to take the deposition shall give to the other party reasonable notice of the time and place of taking such deposition, accompanying such notice with the interrogatories to be propounded to the witness; whereupon it shall be lawful for the other party, within six days after such notice, to propound cross-interrogatories; and such interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, if any be propounded, shall be sent to the commissary, who shall thereupon proceed to take the testimony of such witness, upon oath or affirmation, and transmit it under seal to the Court. But no deposition shall

Declaration of witness, in writing, before testifying.

Depositions when attendance cannot be procured.

Commissary.

Cross-examination.

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On what condition depositions to be read.

Proviso.

Service of notices and papers.

Certificate of service.

Mode of service.

Accused may have counsel.

be read at the trial, unless the Court have reasonable assurance that the attendance of the witness cannot be procured, or unless both parties shall consent that it may be read : *Provided*, that in any Diocese in which the civil government has authorized the Ecclesiastical Courts therein to issue summons for witnesses, or to administer an oath, the Court shall act in conformity to such laws.

[5.] All notices and papers may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed by the Court, when the same is in session, or by a member thereof; and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. In case of service by any other person, the fact may be proved by the affidavit of such person. The delivery of a written notice or paper to the accused party, or to the Church Advocate, or leaving it, or a copy thereof, at the residence, or last known residence, of either, shall be deemed sufficient service of such notice or paper on the Church Advocate and accused, respectively. If the person to be served with any notice or paper shall have left the United States, it shall be a sufficient service thereof to leave a copy of such notice or paper at his last place of abode within the United States, sixty days before the day on which the appearance, or other act required by the said notice or paper, is to be performed.

[6.] The accused party may, if he think proper, have the aid of counsel; and if he should choose to have more than one counsel, the Church Advocate may have assistant advocates, to be named by

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the accusers; but in every case the Court may regulate the number of counsel who shall address the Court, or examine witnesses. The Church Advocate shall be considered the party on one side, and the accused on the other. All counsel must be communicants of the Church.

Counsel to be communicants.

[7.] The Court, having fully heard the allegations and proofs of the parties, and deliberately considered the same, after the parties have withdrawn, shall declare respectively whether, in their opinion, the accused is guilty or not guilty of each particular charge and specification contained in the presentment, in the order in which they are set forth; and the accused shall be considered as not guilty of every charge and specification of which he shall not be pronounced guilty by a majority of the members of the Court.

Court to express opinion on each charge and specification.

[8.] The decision of the Court as to all the charges and specifications of which a majority of the members of the Court have found him guilty, shall be reduced to writing, and signed by those who assent to it; and the decision thus signed shall be regarded as the judgment of the Court, and shall be pronounced in the presence of the parties, if they shall think proper to attend.

Decision to be reduced to writing, and signed.

[9.] If the accused shall be found guilty of any charge or specification, the Court shall proceed to ask him whether he has anything to say before the sentence is passed, and may, in their discretion, give him time to prepare what he wishes to say, and appoint a time for passing the sentence; and before passing sentence, the Court may adjourn

Accused to be heard before sentence.

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New trial.

from time to time, and give the accused reasonable opportunity of showing cause to induce a belief that justice has not been done, or that he has discovered new testimony ; and the Court, or a majority of its members, may, according to a sound discretion, grant him a new trial ; but, in such new trial, no Bishop shall sit who has already been a trier. Before passing sentence, the accused shall always have the opportunity of being heard, if he have aught to say in excuse or palliation.

Sentence.

[10.] The accused having been heard, or not desiring to be heard, the sentence of the Court shall then be pronounced, and shall be either admonition, suspension as defined by the existing Canons of this Church, or degradation, as the offence or offences adjudged to be proved shall seem to deserve. It shall be the duty of the Court, whenever sentence has been pronounced, whether it be upon a trial, or for contumacy, to communicate such sentence to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of this Church ; and it shall be the duty of such Authority to cause such sentence to be made known to every Clergyman under his jurisdiction.

Sentence to be communicated, and to whom.

Record of proceedings.

[11.] Every Court shall keep a full record of its proceedings, including the whole evidence given before it. Should any Court refuse to insert in its record a statement of any testimony which has been received, or of any decision which the Court has made, or of any fact which has occurred in Court, or any paper which either party has produced, it shall be the right of either party to file

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an exception in writing, containing a statement of such evidence, decision, or fact, or referring to or describing such paper, which paper shall also be filed with the exception. All exceptions and papers so filed shall become parts of the record.

Exceptions.

[12.] Such records shall be kept by the Clerk, and inserted in a book, to be attested by the signatures of the President and Clerk. Every such book, and all papers connected with any trial, shall be deposited with the Registrar of the General Convention. Such books and papers shall be open to the inspection of every member of this Church.

How kept and attested.

[13.] Every Court, constituted under the authority of this Canon, may be attended by one or more lay advisers, who shall be communicants of this Church, and of the profession of the law. Such advisers may be present at all the proceedings of the Court, but they shall have no vote in any case whatever; it shall be their duty to give in person to the Court an opinion on any question not theological, upon which the Court or any member thereof, or either party, shall desire an opinion. If a dispute shall arise whether any question be or be not theological, it shall be decided by the Court by a majority of votes. The Court may always, by unanimous consent, appoint an adviser or advisers. If they are not unanimous, each member of the Court may name a candidate; if not more than three are named, they shall all be advisers; if more than three are named, the Court shall reduce them to three by lot.

Lay advisers may be appointed.

Their office.

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*Presentment for
erroneous doctrine,*

*to be made by
a Bishop.*

Church Advocate.

*To whom ad-
dressed and
delivered.*

*Court to be
convened.*

*Of whom com-
posed.*

Quorum.

*Number necessary
to a conviction.*

*Case of charges
against a Mission-
ary Bishop.*

§ vii. [1.] Any Bishop of this Church may be presented for holding and teaching doctrine inconsistent with that of this Church, by any Bishop in communion with this Church and not under suspension or degradation. No Bishop shall be presented in any other mode for this offence; and it shall not be lawful for two or more persons to unite in any such presentment. The Bishop making such presentment shall appoint a Church Advocate.

[2.] Every presentment for alleged erroneous doctrine shall be signed by the person making it, and shall be addressed to the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and delivered to the senior Bishop entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, and not being the accused or the accuser, whose duty it shall be to convene a Court for the trial of the accused. The Court shall be composed of all the Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, except the accuser and the accused. Three fourths of such Bishops shall constitute a quorum; but the consent of two thirds of all the Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops shall be necessary to a conviction.

§ viii. [1.] If charges be preferred against a Missionary Bishop who is not a Diocesan, such Missionary Bishop shall be required by the Presiding or senior Bishop to name some one of the three Dioceses nearest to his District or Missionary field: and such selection having been made, the proceed-

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ings shall then be precisely such as, under this Canon, they would be were he the Diocesan of the Diocese named by him. Should the Missionary Bishop refuse to name a Diocese, then the Presiding Bishop may name any one of the three above designated, and the effect shall be the same as if the nomination had been made by the accused Missionary Bishop.

[2.] If charges be preferred against a Bishop having no jurisdiction, he shall be proceeded against precisely as if he were the Diocesan of the Diocese in which he has his civil residence.^a

Case of a Bishop without jurisdiction.

CANON 10.

Of Sentences.^b

§ i. Whenever the penalty of suspension shall be inflicted on a Bishop, Priest, or Deacon, in this Church, the sentence shall specify on what terms, or at what time, said penalty shall cease.^c

Suspension.

§ ii. [1.] When any Minister is deposed from the Holy Ministry, he is deposed therefrom entirely, and not from a higher to a lower Order in the same; and whenever a Minister shall be deposed, the Bishop who pronounces sentence shall, without delay, give notice thereof to every Minister and Vestry in the Diocese, and also to all the Bishops of this Church, and where there is no

Deposition.

Notice of degradation, to whom given.

^a Canon 11, 1856.

^b See the Constitution, Article 6.

^c Canon 3, 1847.

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Bishop, to the Standing Committee; and the notice shall specify under what Canon the said Minister has been deposed.

[2.] Deposition, displacing, and all like expressions, are the same as degradation.^a

CANON 11.

Of the Remission or Modification of Judicial Sentences.

§ i. The Bishops of this Church, who are entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, may altogether remit and terminate any judicial sentence which may have been imposed, by Bishops acting collectively as a judicial tribunal; or modify the same so far as to designate a precise period of time, or other specific contingency, on the occurrence of which such sentence shall utterly cease, and be of no further force or effect: *Provided*, that no such remission or modification shall be made except at a meeting of the House of Bishops, during the session of some General Convention, or at a special meeting of the said Bishops, which shall be convened by the Presiding Bishop on the application of any five Bishops; three months' notice, in writing, of the time, place, and object of the meeting being given personally to each Bishop, or left at his usual place of abode: *Provided*, also, that such remission or modification be assented to by a number of said Bishops, not less than a majority of the

^a Canon 39, 1832. This Section was amended in 1862, in 1871, and in 1877.

What terms are synonymous.

Remission of sentence,

or modification thereof,

to be made at General Convention,

or meeting specially convened.

Majority of whole number of Bishops must assent.

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whole number entitled at the time to seats in the House of Bishops: and *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or alter Canon 10 of this Title.^a

§ ii. A Bishop of this Church may, for reasons which he shall deem sufficient, remit and terminate any sentence of deposition or degradation pronounced by him upon a Presbyter or Deacon; but he shall exercise this power only upon the following conditions:

1. That he shall act with the unanimous advice and consent of his Standing Committee.

2. That he shall first submit his proposed action, with his reasons therefor, to the judgment of five of the Bishops of this Church, whose Dioceses or Missionary Jurisdictions are nearest to his own, and shall receive in writing, from at least four of said Bishops, their approval of the said remission and their consent thereto.

3. That before remitting such sentence he shall require the person to be restored to the Ministry to subscribe the declaration set forth in Article 7 of the Constitution.

4. That in case such person was deposed for abandoning the Communion of this Church, or having been deposed by reason of his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church, or for other cause, he have also abandoned its Communion, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be satisfied that such person has lived in lay-communion with

Remission of sentence of deposition.

But only upon certain conditions.

^a Canon 2, 1847.

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this Church for three years next preceding his application for such remission; and,

5. That in case the person applying for such remission shall reside out of the Diocese or Missionary District in which he was deposed, the Bishop, before granting such remission, shall be furnished with written evidence of the approval of such application by the Bishop of the Diocese or District in which such person resides.^a

CANON 12.

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*Removal of
communicants.*

Certificate.

*Crimes and
scandals to be
censured.*

*Ordinary to be
informed.*

§ i. A communicant removing from one parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced.^b

§ ii. [1.] If any persons within this Church offend their brethren by any wickedness of life, such persons shall be repelled from the Holy Communion, agreeably to the rubric.

[2.] There being the provision in the second rubric before the Communion Service requiring that every Minister repelling from the Communion

^a § ii, added, 1871; and amended, 1877.

^b Canon 13, 1853.

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shall give an account of the same to the Ordinary, it is hereby provided that, on the information to the effect stated being laid before the Ordinary, that is, the Bishop, it shall not be his duty to institute an inquiry, unless there be a complaint made to him in writing by the repelled party, within three months from such repulsion. But on receiving complaint, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, unless he think fit to restore him from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the Minister, to institute an inquiry, as may be directed by the Canons of the Diocese in which the event has taken place. And should no such Canon exist, the Bishop shall proceed according to such principles of law and equity as will insure an impartial decision. And the notice, given as above by the Minister, shall be a sufficient presentation of the party repelled.^a

Inquiry on complaint in writing.

Case of the absence of Diocesan Canon.

[3.] In case of great heinousness of offence on the part of members of this Church, they may be proceeded against to the depriving them of all privileges of Church membership, according to such rules or process as may be provided by the General Convention; and until such rules or process shall be provided, by such as may be provided by the different Diocesan Conventions.^b

Deprivation of privileges of Church membership.

^a This clause was thus amended in 1865.

^b Canon 42, 1832.

Of Marriage and Divorce.

CANON 13.

Of Marriage and Divorce.

Marriage except as God's Word doth allow not lawful.

No Minister shall unite in marriage those divorced save for the cause of adultery.

The Sacraments to be withheld from persons married otherwise than as God's Word doth allow.

Proviso.

Questions to be referred to the Bishop.

§ i. If any persons be joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

§ ii. No Minister, knowingly after due inquiry, shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has a divorced husband or wife still living, if such husband or wife has been put away for any cause arising after marriage; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again.

§ iii. If any Minister of this Church shall have reasonable cause to doubt whether a person desirous of being admitted to Holy Baptism, or to Confirmation, or to the Holy Communion, has been married otherwise than as the Word of God and discipline of this Church allow, such Minister, before receiving such person to these ordinances, shall refer the case to the Bishop for his godly judgment thereupon: *Provided, however*, that no Minister shall, in any case, refuse the Sacraments to a penitent person in imminent danger of death.

§ iv. Questions touching the facts of any case arising under Section ii of this Canon shall be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese or Mission-

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ary Jurisdiction in which the same may occur; or if there be no Bishop of such Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, then to some Bishop to be designated by the Standing Committee; and the Bishop to whom such questions have been so referred shall thereupon make inquiry in such manner as he shall deem expedient, and shall deliver his judgment in the premises.

§ v. This Canon, so far as it affixes penalties, does not apply to cases occurring before it takes effect, according to Canon 4, Title IV.^a

*The penalties
under this Canon
limited.*

^a Canon of 1868; amended 1877.

Title III.

OF THE ORGANIZED BODIES AND OFFICERS OF
THE CHURCH.

CANON 1.

*Of the General Convention.^a**Special meetings
of General Con-
vention.*

§ i. [1.] THE right of calling special meetings of the General Convention shall be in the Bishops. This right shall be exercised by the Presiding Bishop, or, in case of his death, by the Bishop who, according to the rules of the House of Bishops, is to preside at the next General Convention: *Provided*, that the summons shall be with the consent, or on the requisition, of a majority of the Bishops, expressed to him in writing.

*Proviso.**Place of meeting.*

[2.] The place of holding any Special Convention shall be that fixed on by the preceding General Convention for the meeting of the General Convention, unless circumstances shall render a meeting at such a place unsafe; in which case the Presiding Bishop may appoint some other place.

Same Deputies.

[3.] The Deputies elected to the preceding General Convention shall be the Deputies at such Special Convention, unless in those cases in which other Deputies shall have been chosen in the mean time by any of the Diocesan Conventions, and then such other Deputies shall represent in the Special

^a See Constitution, Articles 1, 2, and 3.

Of the General Convention.

Convention the Church of the Diocese in which they have been chosen.^a

[4.] The Rules and Orders of the House of Deputies shall be in force in the ensuing General Convention, until the organization thereof, and until they be amended or repealed by the said House.^b

Rules and Orders.

§ ii. [1.] The journals, files, papers, reports, and other documents, which, under Canon 15 of Title I, entitled, *Of Securing an Accurate View of the State of the Church*, or in any other manner, shall become the property of either House of the General Convention of this Church, shall be committed to the keeping of a Presbyter to be elected by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, upon nomination of the House of Bishops, who shall be known as the Registrar of the General Convention.

Registrar.

How appointed.

[2.] It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to procure all such journals, files, papers, reports, and other documents now in existence; to arrange, label, file, index, and otherwise put in order, and provide for the safe keeping of, the same, and all such others as may hereafter come into his possession, in fire-proof box or boxes, in some safe and accessible place of deposit, and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions as the General Convention may from time to time provide.

Duties of Registrar.

[3.] It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to procure a proper and sufficient book of record,

Record of consecration of Bishops.

^a Canon 49, 1832.

^b Added 1874.

Of the General Convention.

How authenticated.

Certificate signed by Bishops.

Certificate attested.

Expenses.

Notice to Diocesan Conventions.

Treasurer.

and to enter therein a record of the Consecrations of all the Bishops of this Church, designating accurately the time and place of the same, with the names of the Consecrating Bishops, and of others present and assisting; to have the same authenticated in the fullest manner now practicable; and to take care for the similar record and authentication of all future Consecrations in this Church, by securing in person, or by deputy, at the time and place of every such Consecration, a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding, and by two or more of the Bishops assisting in the said Consecration, which certificate shall be entered in the said book of record under the attestation of a Notary Public, and also placed on file.^a

[4.] The expenses necessary for the purposes contemplated by this Section shall be provided for by vote of the General Convention, and defrayed by the Treasurer of the same.^b

§ iii. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, whenever any alteration of the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give a particular notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Church in every Diocese.^c

§ iv. At every triennial meeting of the General Convention, a Treasurer shall be chosen, who shall

^a As amended, 1877.

^b Canon 4, 1853; as amended, 1871.

^c Canon 1, 1832.

Of Standing Committees.

remain in office until the next stated Convention, and until a successor be appointed. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and disbursement shall not otherwise be regulated; and to invest, from time to time, for the benefit of the Convention, such surplus funds as he may have on hand. His account shall be rendered triennially to the Convention, and shall be examined by a Committee acting under its authority. In case of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, it shall be supplied by an appointment to be made by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to which he belonged; and the person so appointed shall continue to act until an appointment be made by the Convention.^a

*His duties.**How vacancy to be filled.**Expenses of General Convention.**Diocesan ratio.*

§ v. In order that the contingent expenses of the General Convention may be defrayed, it shall be the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, at or before any meeting of the General Convention, three dollars for each Clergyman within such Diocese.^b

CANON 2.

Of Standing Committees.

§ i. In every Diocese there shall be a Standing Committee, to be appointed by the Convention thereof, whose duties, except so far as provided

Duties of Standing Committee.^a Canon 1, 1841.^b Canon 8, 1856; as amended 1868.

Trustees of the Missionary Bishops' Fund.

President and Secretary.

for by the Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. They shall elect from their own body a President and a Secretary. They may meet on their own adjournment from time to time; and the President shall have power to summon special meetings whenever he shall deem it necessary.

To be a Council of Advice.

§ ii. In every Diocese where there is a Bishop, the Standing Committee shall be a Council of Advice to the Bishop. They shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish for their advice. And they may meet of their own accord, and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

When the Ecclesiastical Authority.

§ iii. When there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority for all purposes declared in these Canons.^a

CANON 3.

Of the Trustees of the Missionary Bishops' Fund.

Trustees, how appointed, and what number.

§ i. It shall be the duty of the General Convention, at each triennial session, on the nomination of the Standing Committee on the State of the Church, to appoint five laymen of this Church, to constitute a Board of Trustees of the Missionary Bishops' Fund.

Their duties.

§ ii. It shall be the duty of such Trustees to take charge of all contributions of money or real

^a Canon, 1832.

Trustees of the Missionary Bishops' Fund.

estate which may be made to them, and accompanied by designation from the donors thereof, for any or either of the purposes herein specified, viz. :

[1.] For the present support of any Missionary Bishop of this Church.

[2.] For investment, the interest or proceeds to be applied to such present support.

[3.] For the support of Bishops of this Church in new Dioceses, or in regions in which the Church is not yet organized.

[4.] For the endowment of the Episcopate in new Dioceses, or in regions in which the Church is not organized.

§ iii. All contributions, the disposition of which may not have been designated by the donors, shall be applied by the said Board of Trustees, according to their discretion, for the above-named objects, until the direction of the General Convention in the premises.

§ iv. All moneys received by either of the Missionary Committees of the Board of Missions specifically for either of the purposes designated in this Canon, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees hereby constituted, accompanied by a statement of the directions of the donors.

§ v. The Board of Trustees, hereby constituted, shall appoint a Treasurer, who shall keep fair ac-

Objects of the fund.

*Discretion allowed
as to contributions.*

*Special donations
to be paid over.*

*Treasurer of
the Board.*

Title III.

CANON 4.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

counts of all the receipts and expenditures of the Board. These accounts shall at all times be open to the inspection of any Bishop of this Church, or of any accountant appointed for the purpose by any three Bishops of this Church. The Board shall have power to make all necessary disbursements in the discharge of their trust.

Triennial report.

§ vi. The Board shall make a triennial report to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies on the third day of the session of the General Convention; and shall accompany their report with an account of their receipts and disbursements during the last three years. It shall be the duty of the House to refer such account to a committee to be audited.

Incorporation.

§ vii. Such Trustees are hereby empowered to procure an act of incorporation for the purposes and objects specified in this Canon.^a

CANON 4.

Of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Certificate of nomination.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, at every General Convention, a certificate of the nomination, by the Diocese, of a Trustee or Trustees for the General Theological Seminary; and without such certificate the nomination shall not be confirmed.^b

^a Canon 2, 1853.

^b Canon 1, 1847.

Of Congregations and Parishes.

CANON 5.

Of Congregations and Parishes.

§ i. Whereas, a question may arise whether a congregation within the Diocese of any Bishop, or within any Diocese in which there is not yet any Bishop settled, may unite themselves with the Church in any other Diocese, it is hereby determined and declared that all such unions shall be considered as irregular and void; and that every congregation of this Church shall be considered as belonging to the body of the Church of the Diocese within the limits of which they dwell, or within which there is seated a Church to which they belong. And no Clergyman, having a Parish or cure in more than one Diocese, shall have a seat in the Convention of any Diocese other than that in which he resides.^a

*Union with Church
in another Diocese.*

*No Clergyman to
sit in two Diocesan
Conventions.*

§ ii. [1.] The ascertainment and defining of the boundaries of existing Parishes or parochial cures, as well as the establishment of a new Church or Congregation, and forming a new Parish within the limits of any other Parish, is left to the action of the several Diocesan Conventions, for the Dioceses respectively.

*Parish boundaries,
and new Parishes.*

[2.] Until a Canon or other regulation of a Diocesan Convention shall have been adopted, the formation of new Parishes, or establishment of new Churches or Congregations within the limits of other Parishes, shall be vested in the Bishop of

*Where power is
vested.*

^a Canon 43, 1832.

Of Congregations and Parishes.

the Diocese, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee thereof; and in case of there being no Bishop, in the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Vested rights preserved.

[3.] Nothing contained in this Section shall affect any legal rights of property of any Parish.^a

Congregations in foreign lands.

§ iii. [1.] It shall be lawful, under the conditions hereinafter stated, to organize a Church or Congregation in any foreign country (other than Great Britain and Ireland, and the colonies and dependencies thereof), and not within the limits of any foreign Missionary Bishop of this Church.

How organized.

[2.] The Bishop in charge of such Congregations, and the Standing Committee hereinafter provided for, may authorize any Presbyter of this Church to officiate temporarily at any place to be named by them, within any such foreign country, upon being satisfactorily assured that it is expedient to establish at such place a Congregation of this Church. Such Presbyter, having publicly officiated at such place not less than four Sundays consecutively, may give notice, in the time of Divine Service, that a meeting of the members of this Church attending such services will be held, at a time and place to be named by him, to organize a Church or Congregation. All male persons of full age belonging to this Church may take part in said meeting. And the said meeting may proceed to effect an organization, subject to the approval of the said Bishop and Standing Committee, and in

^a Canon of 1859.

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conformity to such regulations as the said Standing Committee may prescribe.

[3.] Such Church or Congregation shall be required, in its Constitution, or Plan, or Articles of Organization, to recognize and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and particularly to submit to and abide by such directions as may be, from time to time, received from the Bishop in charge, and the Standing Committee hereinafter provided for, in order to its being received under the direction of the General Convention of this Church.

*Must recognize
Constitution, etc.*

[4.] In order to such reception, it shall be required to declare its desire therefor, duly certified by the Minister, one Churchwarden, and two Vestrymen or Trustees of said Church or Congregation.

*Certificate of de-
sire for reception.*

[5.] Such certificate, and the Constitution, Plan, or Articles of Organization, shall be submitted to the General Convention during its session, or to the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops at any other time; and in case the same are found satisfactory, a certificate thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, who shall thereupon place its name on the list of foreign Churches under the direction of the General Convention; and also a copy of the same shall be forwarded to and filed by the Registrar of the Church, and such Church or Congregation shall thereupon become subject to and placed under the Episcopal govern-

*Certificate of
satisfaction.*

Of Congregations and Parishes.

Jurisdiction of Presiding Bishop may be assigned.

Proviso.

Standing Committee of Foreign Churches.

ment and jurisdiction of such Presiding Bishop for the time being.

[6.] Such Presiding Bishop may, from time to time, by written commission under his own signature and seal, assign to any other Bishop of this Church, having jurisdiction in the United States, the full Episcopal charge of such Churches or Congregations, and the Clergymen officiating therein, for such period of time as he may deem expedient : *Provided*, such commissions shall not extend to a period longer than three years, and shall then cease and determine, unless renewed by the Presiding Bishop.

[7.] To aid the Presiding Bishop, or the Bishop in charge of these foreign Churches, in administering the affairs of the same, and in settling such questions as may, by means of their peculiar situation, arise, there shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of communicants of this Church, who shall be chosen and elected as follows : Each Church or Congregation, thus in union with the General Convention, shall have the right to nominate, to the Bishop in charge, one person, who shall be a communicant, and the General Convention shall nominate four persons, of whom two at least shall be Clergymen, who shall hold office until the General Convention next ensuing, and until their successors are elected, and together they shall constitute the said Standing Committee, of which the Bishop in charge of said foreign Churches shall be the chairman. Said Committee shall have power to fill all vacancies in the same. A majority of all the mem-

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bers resident in the United States shall be a quorum. This Standing Committee shall be a Council of Advice to the Bishop. They shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall desire their advice. And they may meet of their own accord, and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

[8.] In case a Clergyman in charge of either of these Congregations in foreign lands shall be charged with either of the punishable offences, as specified in Section i of Canon 2 of Title II of the Digest, it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such Churches to summon the Standing Committee above provided for, and to see that an inquiry be instituted as to the truth of such public charges; and should there be reasonable grounds for believing them to be true, the Bishop in charge and the Standing Committee, shall appoint a Commission, consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen, whose duty it shall be to obtain all the evidence in the case from the parties interested, and who shall, if possible, hold their meeting in the place where the accused resides, giving to the accused all rights under the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church which can be exercised in a foreign land. The judgment of said Commission, solemnly made and subscribed to, shall then be sent to the Bishop in charge, and to the Presiding Bishop, and, if approved by them, shall be carried into effect: *Provided*, that no such Commission shall recommend any other discipline than admonition or removal from his charge as

*Inquiry to be
instituted.*

*Commission
appointed.*

Proviso.

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Minister of said Congregation. Should the result of the inquiry of the aforementioned Commission reveal evidence tending to show that said Clergyman deserves a severer discipline, then all the documents in the case shall be placed in the hands of the Presiding Bishop, who shall then proceed against said Clergyman (as far as possible) according to the Canon of Discipline, under Title II of the Digest, and the Diocesan Canons of the Diocese of the said Presiding Bishop.

Parochial cure of Minister.

[9.] If there be but one such Church or Congregation within the limits of any city, said city shall be deemed the parochial cure of the Minister having charge of the same, and no new Church or Congregation shall be established therein, unless with the consent of the Bishop in charge, and of the Standing Committee herein appointed. Nor shall any Church or Congregation be organized in any foreign city, under the provisions of this Canon, unless with the approval of the Bishop in charge, and the Standing Committee herein provided for.

Differences to be adjusted on principles of Ecclesiastical law.

[10.] In cases of difference between the Minister and his Congregation, the Bishop in charge shall, with the Standing Committee, duly examine the same, and said Bishop and Standing Committee shall have full power to settle, and, if possible, adjust such differences upon the recognized principles of Ecclesiastical law, as laid down in the Canon law of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Clergyman to be nominated by the Vestry, and approved by the Bishop in charge.

[11.] No Clergyman shall be allowed to take charge of such Congregation until he shall have been nominated by the Vestry thereof (or, if there

Of the Organization of New Dioceses.

be no such Vestry, by the Standing Committee, provided for by this Canon), and approved by the Bishop in charge; and when such appointment shall have been accepted by the Clergyman so appointed, he shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bishop in charge.^a

Clergyman to be transferred.

CANON 6.

Of the Organization of New Dioceses.^b

§ i. Whenever any new Diocese shall be formed within the limits of any other Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, and the same shall have been ratified by the General Convention, the Bishop of the Diocese within the limits of which another is formed, or in case of the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, the Bishop of eldest consecration over the Dioceses furnishing portions of such new Diocese, shall thereupon call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese.

Organization of new Dioceses.

Primary Convention.

§ ii. In case there should be no Bishop who can call such Primary Convention, pursuant to the foregoing provisions, then the duty of calling such Convention for the purpose of organizing, and the duty of fixing the time and place of its meeting,

The call, by whom to be made.

^a As amended, 1877.

^b See the Constitution, Article 5, 1856.

Title III.

CANON 7.

Of the Requisites of a Quorum.

When it must be made.

shall be vested in the Standing Committee of the Diocese within the limits of which the new one is erected, or the Standing Committee of the eldest of the Dioceses by the junction of which, or parts of which, the new Diocese may be formed. And such Standing Committee shall make such call immediately after the ratification of a division by the General Convention.^a

Division of a Diocese.

§ iii. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion thereof is to be the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.^b

New Diocese admitted into union on organization.

§ iv. Whenever the formation of a new Diocese shall be ratified by the General Convention, such new Diocese shall be considered as admitted under Article 5 of the Constitution, so soon as it shall have organized in Primary Convention, in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and the naming of the new Diocese shall be a part of its organization.^c

Naming of new Diocese.

CANON 7.

Of the Requisites of a Quorum.

A majority is a quorum.

In all cases in which a Canon of the General Convention directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by a Standing Committee,

^a Amended 1874.

^b Canon 8, 1838.

^c § iv added 1871.

CANON 8.

Formation of a Federate Convention, etc.

or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members, a majority of the said members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act, unless the contrary is expressly required by the Canon.^a

Majority of a quorum competent to act.

CANON 8.

Authorizing the Formation of a Federate Convention or Council of the Dioceses within any State.

It is hereby declared lawful for the Dioceses now existing or hereafter to exist, within the limits of any State or Commonwealth, to establish for themselves a Federate Convention, or Council, representing such Dioceses, which may deliberate and decide upon the common interests of the Church within the limits aforesaid; but before any determinate action of such Convention, or Council, shall be had, the powers proposed to be exercised thereby shall be submitted to the General Convention for its approval.

The Dioceses within any State may form a Federate Convention, or Council,

with the approval of the General Convention.

Nothing in this Canon shall be construed as forbidding any Federate Council from taking such action as they may deem necessary to secure such legislative enactments as the common interests of the Church in the State may require.^b

Legislative action may be secured.

^a Canon of 1855.

^b Canon of 1868.

Of the Constitution, etc.

CANON 9.

Of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

§ 1. The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows :

Constitution of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as established in 1820, and since amended at various times.

Name.

ARTICLE I. This institution shall be denominated The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Of whom composed.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

The General Convention to constitute a Board of Missions.

ARTICLE III. There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church, and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of this Church, Bishops and Deputies sitting apart as in General Convention, or together when they shall so decide. The Board of Missions thus constituted shall convene on the third day of the session of the General Convention, and shall sit from time to time as the business of the Board shall demand.

Shall convene on the third day of session.

Of the Constitution, etc.

ARTICLE IV. There shall be a Board of Managers, comprising all the Bishops as members *ex officio*, and fifteen Presbyters and fifteen laymen, to be appointed by the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, who shall have the management of the General Missions of this Church, and shall remain in office until their successors are chosen, and shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number. Eight Clerical members and eight Lay members shall constitute a quorum. This Board of Managers shall, during the recess of the Convention, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Board of Managers shall report to the General Convention, constituted as a Board of Missions, on or before the third day of the session of the General Convention. But nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any surviving life-members of the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE V. The Board of Managers is authorized to form, from its own members, a Committee for Domestic Missions and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other Committees as it may deem desirable to promote special Missionary work, and is also authorized to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Managers is intrusted with power to establish and regulate such Missions as are not placed under Episcopal supervision, and to enact all by-laws which it may deem

*Board of Managers.**How appointed.**Vacancies filled.**Quorum.**Powers.**Shall report to General Convention.**Committees may be formed in Board of Managers.**Board of Managers has power to establish and regulate certain Missions.*

*Of the Constitution, etc.**Appropriations.*

necessary for its own government and for the government of its Committees: *Provided, always,* that in relation to organized Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions having Bishops, the appropriations shall be made in gross to such Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, to be disbursed by the local authorities thereof. The Board shall notify to the several Bishops the gross sums so appropriated; and those Bishops shall regulate the number of Mission Stations, appoint the Missionaries, and assign to them their stipends, with the approval of the Board of Managers.

Who may be appointed Missionaries.

ARTICLE VII. No person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not at the time a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of regular standing; but nothing in this Section precludes the Committees from making pecuniary appropriations in aid of Missions under the care of other Churches in communion with this Church, or of employing laymen or women, members of this Church, to do Missionary work.

Auxiliary Associations.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers is authorized to promote the formation of auxiliary Missionary Associations, whose contributions, as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid in accordance with the wish of the donors, when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public Missionary meetings, to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all auxiliaries ap-

Public Missionary meetings.

Of the Constitution, etc.

proved by the Board of Managers may send one Clerical and one Lay Delegate.

ARTICLE IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the General Convention of this Church.

Constitution may be altered.

§ ii. All Canons, and all action by or under the authority of the General Convention, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon and of such amended Constitution, are hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* that nothing herein shall in any manner impair or affect any corporate rights of the said Society, or any vested right whatever.

Canons repealed.

§ iii. This Canon shall take effect immediately.*

* Canon of 1871; as amended, 1877.

Title IV.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

CANON 1.

Of Repealed Canons.

WHENEVER there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.^a

CANON 2.

Of the Enactment, Amendment, and Repeal of Canons.

§ i. In all cases of future enactment, the same, if by way of amendment of an existing provision, shall be in the following form: "Title —, Canon —, Section —, Clause —, is hereby amended so as to read as follows." And if the enactment is of an additional Clause, Section, or Canon, it shall be designated as the next Canon or next Section, or next Clause of a Canon or Section, in the order of numbering of the Title to which the subject properly belongs; and if a Canon or Section or Clause be stricken out, the existing numbering shall be retained until a new edition of the Canons be directed, or until changed as in the next Section provided.^b

*Repeal of repeal
no re-enactment.*

*Form of altering
Canons.*

^a Canon 11, 1838.

^b As amended, 1877.

CANON 4.

Of the Time when New Canons shall take Effect.

§ ii. The Committee on Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each Session of the General Convention, appoint two of their number to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary, who shall print the same in the Journal.^a

Who are to certify changes in Canons.

CANON 3.

Of the Time of these Canons taking Effect.

These Canons shall take effect on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord 1860 ; from and after which day all other Canons of this Church are hereby, and shall be deemed to be, repealed : *Provided*, that such repeal shall not affect any case of a violation of existing Canons committed before that date ; but such case shall be governed by the same law as if no such repeal had taken place.^b

Time of taking effect.

General repeal.

CANON 4.

Of the Time when New Canons shall take Effect.

All Canons hereafter enacted, unless otherwise specially ordered, shall take effect on the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which they are made.^c

New Canons take effect January 1.

^a Added, 1859 ; amended, 1877. ^b Canon of 1859. ^c Canon of 1871.

Attestation for 1859.

WILLIAM MEADE, D.D., *Presiding in the House of Bishops.*

Attest, L. P. W. BALCH, D.D., Secretary.

WILLIAM CREIGHTON, D.D., *President of the House of Deputies.*

Attest, M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, D.D., Secretary.

Attestation for 1862.

JOHN H. HOPKINS, D.D., LL.D., *Presiding in the House of Bishops.*

Attest, L. P. W. BALCH, D.D., Secretary.

JAMES CRAIK, D.D., *President of the House of Deputies.*

Attest, GEORGE M. RANDALL, D.D., Secretary.

Attestation for 1865.

JOHN H. HOPKINS, D.D., LL.D., *Presiding Bishop.*

Attest, L. P. W. BALCH, D.D., Secretary.

JAMES CRAIK, D.D., *President of the House of Deputies.*

Attest, GEORGE M. RANDALL, D.D., Secretary.

Attestation for 1868.

BENJAMIN BOSWORTH SMITH, D.D., *Presiding Bishop.*

Attest, HENRY C. POTTER, D.D., Secretary.

JAMES CRAIK, D.D., *President of the House of Deputies.*

Attest, WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, D.D., Secretary.

Attestation for 1871.

BENJAMIN BOSWORTH SMITH, D.D., LL.D., *Presiding Bishop.*

Attest, HENRY C. POTTER, D.D., Secretary.

JAMES CRAIK, D.D., *President of the House of Deputies.*

Attest, WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, D.D., Secretary.

Attestation for 1874.

BENJAMIN BOSWORTH SMITH, D.D., LL.D., *Presiding Bishop.*

Attest, HENRY C. POTTER, D.D., Secretary.

JAMES CRAIK, D.D., *President of the House of Deputies.*

Attest, WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY, D.D., Secretary.

Attestation for 1877.

BENJAMIN BOSWORTH SMITH, D.D., LL.D., *Presiding Bishop.*

Attest, HENRY C. POTTER, D.D., Secretary.

ALEXANDER BURGESS, D.D., *President of the House of Deputies.*

Attest, CHAS. L. HUTCHINS, Secretary.

Appendix.^a

Joint Resolution of the Two Houses of General Convention on the duty of the Clergy of this Church in the matter of bearing arms :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, that it is incompatible with the duty, position, and sacred calling of the Clergy of this Church to bear arms.

The Clergy not to bear arms;

Explanatory Note, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies :

The spirit and intent of this resolution do not extend to the office of Chaplain in either branch of the Military Service, nor to that of Professor or Instructor in any Military or Naval Academy. The duties of these offices are civil, and entirely compatible with the duties of the Sacred Ministry.

but may be Chaplains, Professors, or Instructors.

Order.

Of the Organization of the House of Deputies, and prescribing the Duties of the Secretary.^b

(Adopted October 15, 1841; amended October 2, 1844, October 9, 1874, October 26, 1874, and October 26, 1877.)

§ i. At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the Secretary, or in his absence one of the Assistant Secreta-

Record of membership.

^a *Appendix and Explanatory Note, ordered in 1865.*

^b *Ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Digest, 1874.*

Organization of the House of Deputies, etc.

Election of officers.

ries, in the order of their appointment, or in the absence of all, the person appointed as hereinafter provided by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the General Convention is to meet, shall call to order the members present of the House of Deputies, and record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented to him; which record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats in the House of Deputies. If there be a quorum present, by the record, the Secretary shall so declare, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election by ballot of a President from the members of the House, and of a Secretary; and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. So soon as a President and Secretary have been elected, a committee shall be appointed to wait upon the House of Bishops, and inform them of the organization of the House of Deputies, and its readiness to proceed to business.

Their duties.

Duties of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep full minutes of the proceedings of the House; transcribe them, with all reports, into a book provided for that purpose; preserve the Journal and Records of the House; deliver them to his successor; and perform such other duties as may be directed or assigned to him by the House. He may, with the approbation of the House, appoint three Assistant Secretaries, and the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries shall continue in office until the organization of the next Convention, and until their successors be chosen.

Duration of office.

Organization of the House of Deputies, etc.

If, during the recess of the General Convention, a vacancy should occur in the office of Secretary, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Assistant Secretaries; or if the Assistant Secretaries shall die or resign, a Secretary shall be appointed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the next General Convention is to meet.

*Vacancy during ■
recess.*

§ ii. In order to aid the Secretary in preparing the list specified in the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to him, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the Testimonials of Members aforesaid. He shall also forward a duplicate copy of such Testimonials to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the next General Convention is to meet.

*Duty of Diocesan
Secretaries.*

§ iii. The Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Treasurer of the Convention, although not returned as Deputies to the Convention, shall be entitled to seats upon the floor of the House, and, with the approval of the President, to speak on the subjects of their respective offices.

*Privileges of the
Secretary and the
Treasurer.*

Standing Resolution.

Of the Expenses of the Presiding Bishop.

(Adopted by the House of Deputies, October 18, 1877.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay, from time to time, on the order of the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, such expenses as he may necessarily incur in the execution of his office for clerk hire, printing, stationery, etc., not exceeding four hundred dollars in any one year; it being understood that the travelling expenses of the Presiding Bishop are paid by the Diocese or other body at whose instance they are incurred.

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